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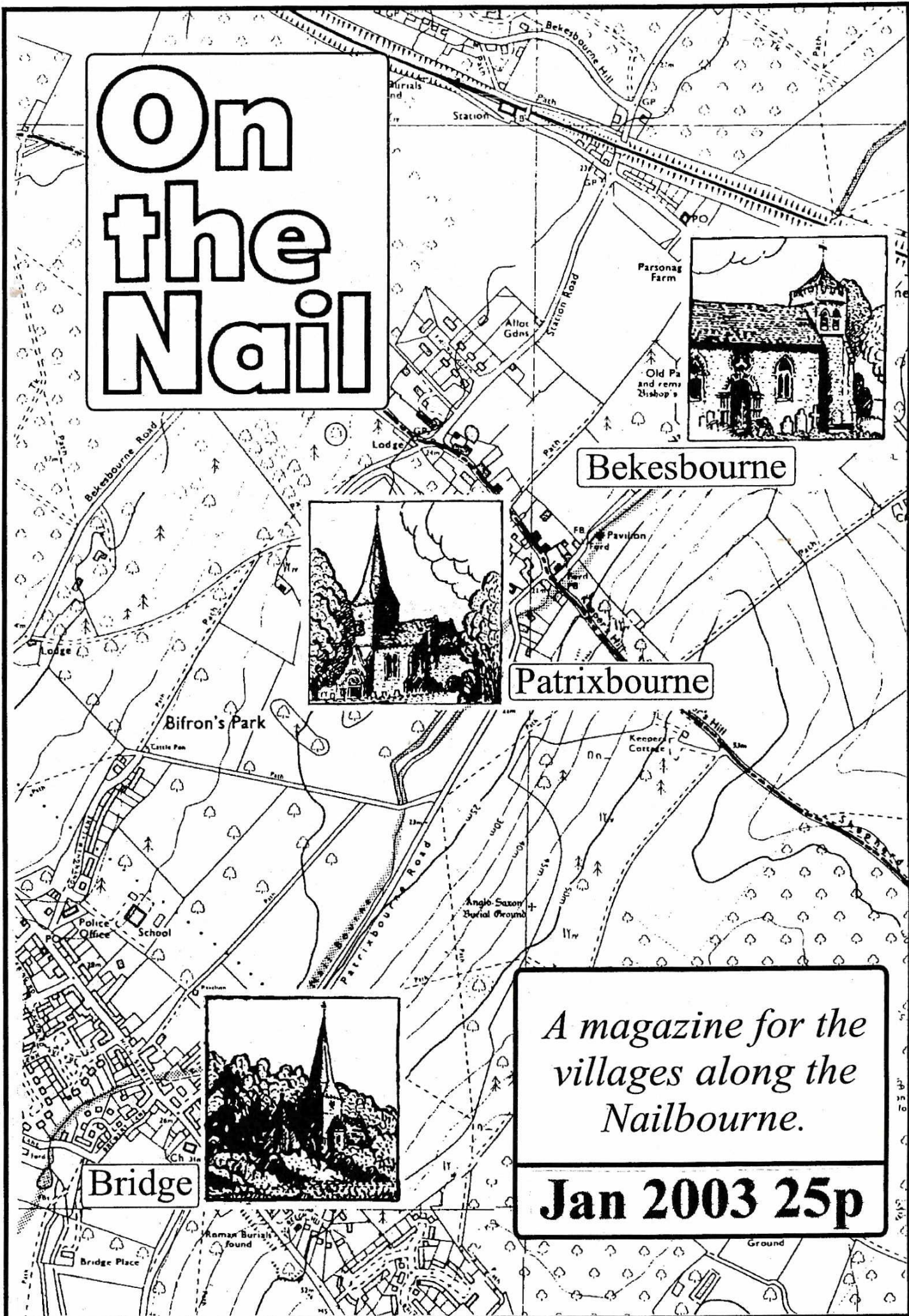
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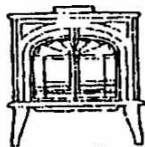
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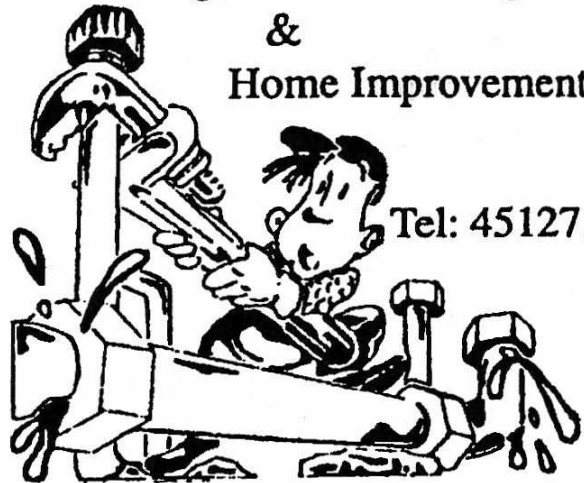
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Services for the month of January 2003

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| Sun 5th Epiphany | | 11.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer | 9.30 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer 6.00pm Evensong Rev P Filmer Mrs M Clarke | 8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer | 10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel | OT: Is 60. 1-6 NT: Eph 3. 1-12 G: Mat 2. 1-12 |
| Sun 12th Epiphany 1 | 9.30 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer | | 11.00am Family Service Rev P Filmer | 10.00 am Mattins Chris Maclean | 8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorrocks | OT: Gen 1. 1-5 NT: Acts 19. 1-7 G: Mark 1. 4-11 |
| Sun 19th Epiphany 2 | 8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer | 10. 00 am Family Service Mrs M Clarke | 10.00 am Holy Communion Can G Manley | | 10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer | OT: 1 Sam 3. 1-10 NT: Rev 5. 1-10 G: John 1. 43-51 |
| Sun 26th Epiphany 3 | 9.30 am Holy Communion Can R Diss | 3.00 pm Evensong Mrs M Clarke Rev P Filmer | 8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer | 10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer 5.00 pm Family Service Rev P Filmer | | OT: Gen 14. 17-20 NT: Rev 19. 6-10 G: John 2. 1-11 |
| February Sun 2nd Candlemas | | 11.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer | 9.30 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer 6.00pm Evensong Mrs M Clarke Can R Humphries | 8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorrocks | 10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel | OT: Mal 3. 1-5 NT: Heb 2. 14-end G: Luke 2. 22-40 |

Officiating Ministers liable to last minute changes

Diary for January 2003

- 6th Caring and Sharing, The Vicarage, 7.30pm
7th Holy Communion, The New Close, Bridge, 2.30pm
After Eights, 10 Union Road, Bridge, 8.00pm
8th Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-in, Bridge Village Hall, 10-11.15am
Ears and Beers, Plough & Harrow, Bridge, 6.00pm
9th Health and Healing, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge, 7.00pm
13th Caring and Sharing, 20 Lanfranc Gardens, Harbledown, 7.30pm
14th Holy Communion, Churchill House, Bridge, 2.30pm
After Eights, Fairview, Bekesbourne Lane, 8.00pm
18th Lower Hardres Junior Choir, Lower Hardres Church, 10.15am
20th Caring and Sharing, 20 Riverside Close, Bridge, 7.30pm
21st Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge, Bridge, 2.30pm
Women's Institute, Bridge Village Hall, 7.30pm
After Eights, 10 Union Road, Bridge, 8.00pm
23rd CMS Palestine Talk, Ash Village Hall, 7.30pm
25th St. Peter's Bekesbourne Jumble Sale, Bekesbourne Village
Hall, 10.00am
27th Caring and Sharing, Fairview, Bekesbourne Lane, 7.30pm
28th Holy Communion, Highfield House, Bekesbourne, 2.30pm
Nailbourne Horticultural Society, Bridge Village Hall, 7.30pm
After Eights, Fairview, Bekesbourne Lane, 8.00pm
29th Bekesbourne PCC Meeting, 10 De Havilands, Bekesbourne 7.30pm
31st League of Friends of Canterbury Hospital, Bridge Village
Hall 7.30pm

Forthcoming Events

- 22nd Feb Beetle Drive/Bingo Evening
5th April Coffee Morning
10th May Book and Puzzle Fair
June Treasure Hunt
21st June Village Fete
12th July Sing Along Tea Party
20th July Benefice BBQ
20th Sept Pudding Evening
28th Sept Harvest Lunch
11th Oct Coffee Morning
Nov Wine and Wisdom

A New Year Letter from our Area Dean

The Rev David Roper

Dear Friends

2002 was a busy year for the Deanery. Synod elected a new Lay Chair in Rosi McElroy (who happens to live in Barham) and expressed thanks to Ian Chandler for all he has done in and for the Deanery over the last seven years. Synod has also begun to grapple with the issues around the Deanery Mission Plan which has to be 'on the table' by the end of the year. You might groan and say "it's all been done before", and yes, there have been other initiatives in the past which have been worked on, and it might look as if nothing has changed very much.

I do believe, however, that the Church faces a new and slightly uncertain future. We are all aware of the large increases in Parish Share which (in addition to the local ministry needs and money raising to keep a grade 1 or 2 listed building both in good order and a place of beauty where we can meet to worship God as those who have been here before us have done) is placing increasing difficulty on hard pressed resources, and we need to be realistic about the shape of the church in the future.

But let's not forget that we are members not of a human institution, but of the Church of God. When we are asking ourselves the hard questions about change and (perhaps) cuts, we must always consider what is the shape of the Church that God wants his Church to be; how can we best serve God and his people? That will put our efforts into the right perspective and help us to use God's priorities and not our own.

We have a new start this year both for the diocese and the Anglican Worldwide Church in the appointment of our new Archbishop, Rowan Williams. As we look to the future in our parishes and Deanery, it is my prayer that God will speak to us, through his archbishop, through his clergy, through his people and through our communities, that we may have confidence in his love for us, in which we can do anything and everything God wants us to do.

May God richly bless you and those you love.

Rev David Roper
Area Dean; East Bridge Deanery
Barham Rectory

Your Parish Matters

Baptism

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| 08/12 | Bridge | Anja Jade Lindgred Emily Jane Powell Rebecca Jane Salt Amelia Margaret Salt |
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Funeral

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| 07/12 | Barham (Bridge) | Ronald G Knott |
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Interment of Ashes

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| 07/12 | Bridge | Eileen Barker |
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- **On the Web** The new benefice website at www.bridgechurch.co.uk now includes a Book of Remembrance. Please email me if you have names to include (please give full name and dates of birth/death) The next new page will be for your prayer requests - watch this space.
- **Confirmation 2003** In November last year 7 children & 4 adults from our Parishes were confirmed as members of the Church of England by the Bishop of Maidstone in Canterbury Cathedral. Do you want to 'confirm' the promises made on your behalf by your parents and godparents when you were baptised as a young child? If you do, or would like to find out more about confirmation, please contact Paul Filmer for information about our Spring 2003 confirmation course.
- **New Family Service** 'The Works' is taking a break for a while, and we're replacing it with a new monthly family service, to be run *in the afternoon*. Starting on Sunday 26th January, at St Mary's, Patrixbourne, the service will suit families who find our morning services inconvenient or simply fancy a change. We will start at 5pm, so bring along a packed tea and make a meal of it! (Hot drinks/ squash provided)
- **Oops!** The January Lower Hardres Family Service will be at 10am as usual NOT 11am (as shown in the Dec/Jan edition of the Lower Hardres/Nackington magazine) Pass it on.

Health and Healing Concerns

The meeting this month is on Thursday 9th January at 7pm, 7 Windmill Close, the first Thursday was deemed too close to the New Year. Please let me know of any sick person who needs our prayers or any situation. You know you will be very welcome to come in person on the evening of our prayer meeting.

Kath Pierce, 830844

Fish News

A Happy New Year from the Fish Scheme.

The January Pop-in will be on Wednesday 8th January, from 10.00 - 11.15am. Do come.

W.I.

At the December meeting Mrs Daisy Watson was presented with the cup for the most competition points over the year, Dorothy King was the runner-up. Christmas entertainment was provided by the Deal Hoodeners resplendent in their colourful patchwork waistcoats. They sang interspersed with a brief history of Hoodening and how their own group was formed. Their main aim these days is raising money for local charities.

The New Year opens on 21st January with a talk by Barry Whiting entitled "Emergency Response" and the competition is any object beginning with F.

Bridge Methodist Church Services

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| Jan 5th | Rev. George Baugh (Covenant Service) |
| Jan 12th | Rev. Barbara Heather |
| Jan 19th | Rev. David Marshall |
| Jan 26th | Mr John Ellis |
| Feb 2nd | Mr Michael Baybutt B.Sc DMS.E.Eng |

Caring and Sharing January - April 2003

- 6th Jan Coffee and Chat, Bridge Vicarage
13th Jan The Ordination of Women, 20 Lanfranc Gardens,
Harbledown
20th Jan Coffee and Chat, 20 Riverside Close
23rd Jan Visit to talk on Palestine, Ash Village Hall 7.30pm
27th Jan Homosexuality and the Bible, Fairview, Bekesbourne Lane
3rd Feb Coffee and Chat, 8 Kitchener Close, Barham
10th Feb Children in Communion, Bridge Village
17th Feb Coffee and Chat, 8 Green Court
24th Feb Daily Bible Study Books, Resource Evening, Bridge Vicarage
3rd Mar Coffee and Chat, 8 Riverside Close, Bridge
10th Mar Divorce and Remarriage, 37 High Street, Bridge
17th Mar Coffee and Chat, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge
24th Mar Fair Trade as Christian Mission, 16 Riverside Close, Bridge
31st Mar Coffee and Chat, The Purlins, Meadow Close, Bridge
7th April The Ethics of Human Cloning, 8 Conyngham Lane, Bridge
14th April Coffee and Chat, 20 Lanfranc Gardens, Harbledown

St. Peter's Church, Bridge Cleaning Rota

January weeks ending

- 4th Jan Viv Saunders
11th Jan Jean Williams
18th Jan Kate Handley
25th Jan Mrs Younge

February weeks ending

- 1st Feb Carol Mounce

2002 Poppy Appeal

The Hon. Organiser for the district of Bridge, Patricxbourne and Bishopsbourne, (Barry whiting) is pleased to record a collection total of £1357.21.

Once again, heartfelt thanks must go to our wonderful collectors, our trio of conscientious counters - as well as to Patricxbourne PCC for donating their offering to the common cause - The Royal British Legion.

Thank you all, so much.

B V Whiting

THE FRIENDS OF BEKESBOURNE CHURCH

There was a good attendance at the Dedication Service on 24 November, when the Vicar dedicated the new curtains round the organ and the cushion for the seat, in memory of Mrs Dorothy Hogben, and also the new kneelers at the communion rail. We are also grateful to the Dawson family and Riverdale Interiors for the new carpets in the vestry and bell tower, and to all those who in their various ways have done so much to enhance and beautify our church.

The CHRISTMAS BAZAAR on 30 November was very well supported both by those who ran and stocked the stalls and the raffle, as well as by all those who came to support us, and raised £570 - well done everyone! We all enjoyed the refreshments organised by the Brownies, and their games provided lots of fun and excitement - altogether, a most enjoyable morning.

Our next event will be the JUMBLE SALE in Bekesbourne Village Hall at 10 am on Saturday 25 January 2003. All items of good quality Jumble will be most welcome at the Hall by 9 am on the morning - or please phone Jenifer on 768925, Jane on 832133, or Gill on 832134, to arrange for items to be collected

Bekesbourne Bell Ringers

On Saturday 9th November, Bekesbourne hosted the Kent Bell Ringing Association's Bye Meeting, which was a great success. 40 visitors gathered in the church from 3pm onwards for 1 1/2 hours ringing before a short service which was followed at 5pm by a sumptuous tea. The meeting was then held after which the bells rang out once again to round off the evening. A very enjoyable event!

Are you interested in bell ringing? Perhaps you have been a bell ringer in the past and would like to take it up again? If so, we should be pleased to hear from you. Gill Moon, Tower Captain, can be contacted on 832134 or Romany Cowans, Secretary, on 831029.

Bekesbourne Flower Rota 2003

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| 3rd Jan | Leave decorations - Jill Gillanders |
| 10th Jan | Clear Christmas decorations and clean/Christine Ash |
| 17th Jan | Christine Ash |
| 24th Jan | Vicki McPherson |
| 31st Jan | Jill Gillanders |
| 7th Feb | Jane Shorrocks |

Nailbourne Horticultural Society

The Nailbourne Horticultural Society starts its 2003 programme in Bridge Village Hall on Tuesday 28 January (and not as previously published) with local artist Julia Rowntree talking about the art of painting flowers.

The evening will also include a short AGM when members will have the opportunity to renew their subscriptions (£2.50 for single membership, or £4 for a family) and be entered into the draw for tickets for the Chelsea Flower Show in May.

We look forward to seeing existing and new members on the 28th. If you have any ideas for our evening meetings' please let us know. Similarly, if you are interested on serving on the Committee, please come forward either at the meeting or contact me on 830057.

We are again arranging a short programme of events for next year. Dates for your diaries include:

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| Spring Show | Tuesday 8 April | Bridge Village Hall |
| (Show schedules available later) | | |
| Evening Outing | to be arranged in May/June | |
| Summer Show | Saturday 26 July | Bridge School |
| Social Evening | Tuesday 2 December | Bridge Village Hall |
| AGM 2004 | Tuesday 27 January | Bridge Village Hall |

Kathy Walder

Nailbourne League of Friends of Canterbury Hospital

Come along on January 31st, 7.30pm. to Bridge Village Hall to hear a fascinating talk entitled The History of Sark by Dr. Tony Beaumont, and enjoy a light supper with wine.

A Raffle will be held, tickets are £7.50 for a single, £14.00 for a double. Please phone Elizabeth Stewart 830344 or Rosy Green 830204.

CLIC Kenya Cycle Challenge

November 2002

Many of you are aware that Martin Southon, local Dentist along with two local friends participated in a tough cycle ride in Kenya to raise funds for CLIC.

CLIC is a charity- Cancer and Leukaemia in Childhood. CLIC provides a variety of services for patients and families affected by these awful diseases. These include homecare nurses, funding specialist doctors and other health care professionals complementing existing services. They also provide accommodation for families near treatment centres and fund research into cancer and leukaemia.

We cycled 250 miles on Kenyan roads from Mount Kenya to Lake Victoria. This was very hilly terrain on extremely rough and pot holed "roads". Kenyan traffic also was something to be seen- hooters used far more than brakes! On the toughest day we cycled down into, through and then up and out of the Rift Valley, a total of more than 80 miles with a stretch of 18 miles continuous hill out in great heat! This took 4 hours to climb and was very tiring! The Kenyans were great fun and very friendly with many turning up at the roadside to cheer us on and to ask "how are you" which is the only English they know. The only answer they know is "fine!" and after this has been said for the hundredth time it gets a little wearing especially if you are not!

BUT we had fantastic fun with a great feeling of teamwork between the cyclists and a good sense of achievement. The weather was very kind with hardly any rain as we cycled. Kenya is a very beautiful and interesting country with lovely inhabitants. It is a great shame that more recent terrorist events have tarnished it. I would definitely recommend it as a country to visit for sights and for the welcome (apart from Nairobi).

In total we have raised about £8000 so far. Many thanks to those of you who have put money in the collection pots in the surgery or sent in cheques. The pots are still there and you can still donate more! Please make any cheques payable to CLIC. I am planning to do another ride in a couple of years so cheer me on if you see me out on my bike.

Many thanks on behalf of CLIC.

Martin Southon.

Humour

Psalm 23 for the cyber-age.

The Lord is my programmer, I shall not crash.

He installed my software on the hard disk of my heart;

all of His commands are user-friendly.

His directory guides me to the right choices for His name's sake.

Even though I scroll through the problems of life,

I will fear no viruses, for He is my backup.

His password protects me.

He prepares a menu before me in the presence of my enemies.

His help is only a keystroke away.

Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life,

and my file will be merged with His and saved forever.

Amen.

JUMBLE SALE

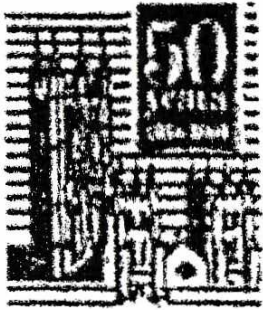
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Three other pieces to be performed all demonstrate various aspects of the Romantic movement in music. *Schicksalslied (Song of Destiny)* by Brahms is based on a poem by Holderlin and the work has been compared favourably to Brahms choral masterpiece, his *Germany Requiem*. Varnatt was composed by Stenhammar, a Swedish composer, born in 1871, whose influences were Wagner, Liszt and Brahms. In nineteenth century Sweden, as in England there was little orchestral activity but a strong choral tradition and a particularly Scandinavian romantic style much influenced by folk-song. The final work of this trio will be Elgar's *The Snow*, this piece is set for women's voices and the accompaniment is for two violins and piano. The violins evoke the fall of snow and contrast with the cold austerity of the vocal harmonies.

Soloists for the evening will be Yvonne Barclay, *soprano*, Louise Mott, *mezzo soprano*, Daniel Norrnan, *tenor* and Roderick Earle, *bass*. Richard Cooke will conduct the Canterbury Philharmonic Orchestra.

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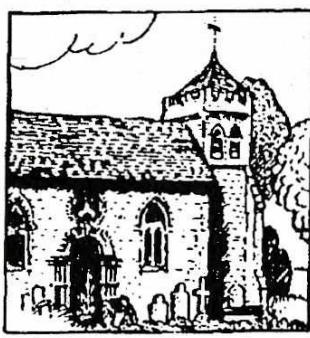
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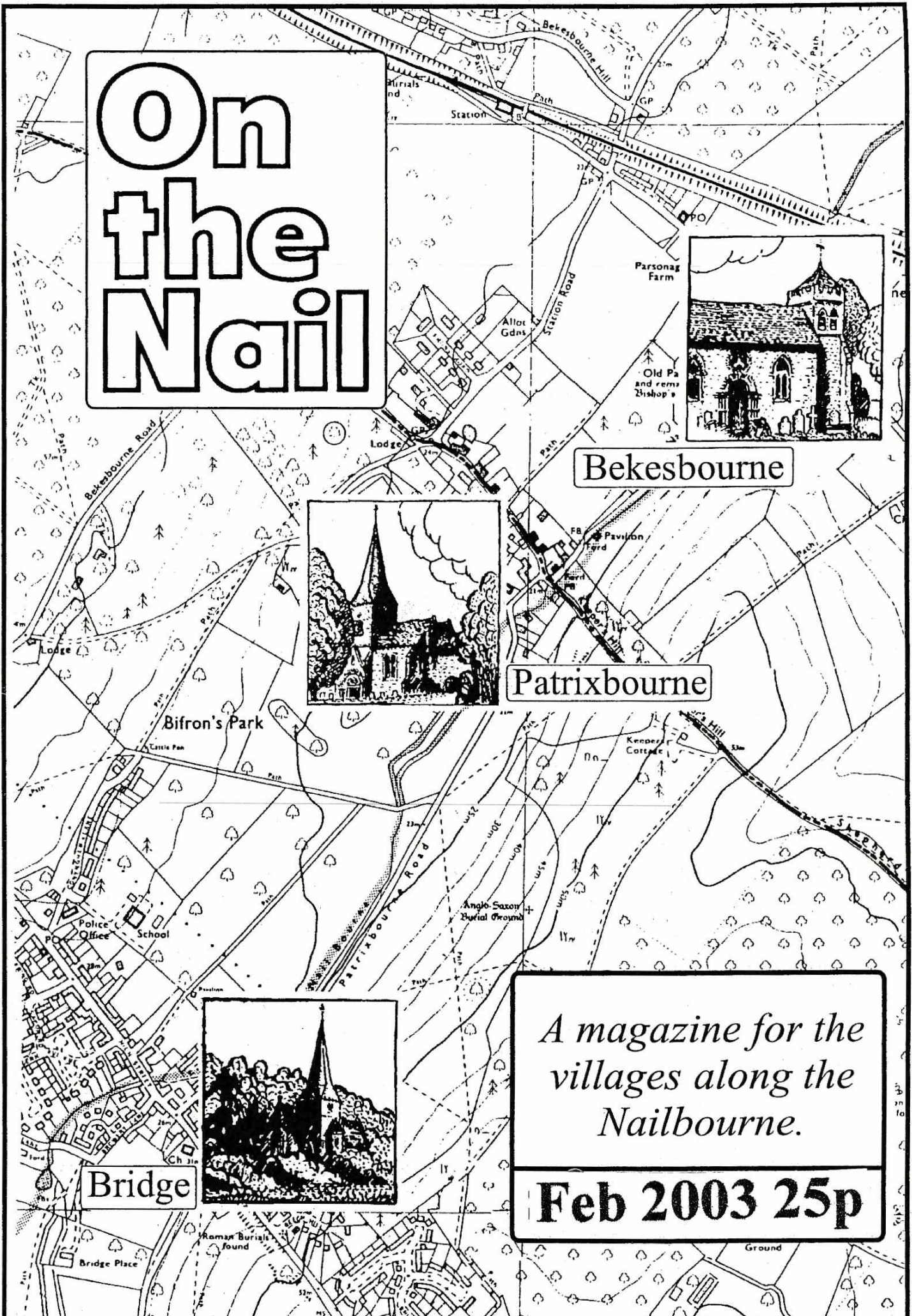
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| Sun 2nd Candlemas | | 11.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer | 9.30 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer 6.00pm Evensong Mrs M Clarke Can R Humphriss | 8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorrocks | 10.00 am Family Service The Bates Family | OT: Mal 3. 1-5 NT: Heb 2. 14-end & Luke 2. 22-40 |
| Sun 9th 4 before Lent | 9.30 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer | | 11.00am Family Service Rev P Filmer | 10.00 am Mattins Chris Maclean | 8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer | OT: Is 40. 21-31 NT: 1 Cor 9. 16-23 & Mark 1. 29-39 |
| Sun 16th 3 before Lent | 8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer | 10.00 am Family Service Mrs M Clarke | 10.00 am Holy Communion Can & Marley | | 10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer | OT: 2 Kings 5. 1-14 NT: 1 Cor 9. 24-27 & Mark 1. 40-45 |
| Sun 23rd 2 before Lent | 9.30 am Holy Communion Can R Diss | 3.00 pm Evensong Can R Humphriss | 8.00 am BCP Communion Can J Packer 5.00 pm Family Service | 10.00 am Holy Communion Rev J Shorrocks | | OT: Prov 8. 1, 22-31 NT: Col 1. 15-20 & John 1. 1-14 |
| March Sun 2nd 1 before Lent | | 11.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer | 9.30 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer 6.00pm Evensong Rev P Filmer Mrs M Clarke | 8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer | 10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel | OT: 2 Kings 2. 1-12 NT: 2 Cor 4. 3-6 & Mark 9. 2-9 |

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Diary for February 2003

- 3rd Caring and Sharing, 8 Kitchiner Close, Barham 7.30pm
- 4th Holy Communion, The New Close, Bridge, 2.30pm
After Eights, 10 Union Road, Bridge, 8pm
- 6th Health and Healing, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge, 7pm
- 10th Caring and Sharing, The Vicarage, 7.30pm
- 11th Holy Communion, Churchill House, Bridge, 2.30pm
Bridge History Society, White Horse, Bridge, 7.30pm
After Eights, Fairview, Bekesbourne Lane, 8pm.
- 12th Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-In, Bridge Village Hall, 10-11.15am
Ears and Beers, Plough and Harrow, Bridge, 6pm
- 15th Lower Hardres Junior Choir, Lower Hardres Church, 10.15am
- 17th Caring and Sharing, 8 Green Court, Bridge, 7.30pm
- 18th Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge, Bridge, 2.30pm
Women's Institute, bridge Village Hall, 7.30pm
After Eights, 10 Union Road, Bridge, 8pm
- 22nd League of Friend's of Canterbury Hospital Coffee Morning,
Bridge Village Hall 10-12 noon.
- 24th Caring and Sharing, The Vicarage, 7.30pm
- 25th Holy Communion, Highfield House, Bekesbourne, 2.30pm

Forthcoming Events

- 7th March Women's World Day of Prayer, Methodist Chapel, 11am
- 7th March Wine & Wisdom Evening, Bekesbourne Village Hall 7.15pm
- 8th March Bangers, Beetle & Bingo, Bridge Village Hall 5pm
- 5th April Spring coffee Morning
- 10th May Book and Puzzle Fair
- June Treasure Hunt
- 21st June Village Fete
- 12th July Sing Along Tea Party
- 20th July Benefice BBQ



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Pie Crust Promises

Do you remember Mary Poppins? She was the magical nanny to two young children in Edwardian London - you know, the one that could say supercalifragilisticexpialidocious backwards and recommended a spoonful of sugar to help the medicine go down! When the children, Jane and Michael, agreed to do something without thinking she called it a pie crust promise - easily made and easily broken.

Have you made any new years resolutions this year, and if you have, are you still keeping them? Most of my resolutions turn out to be pie crust promises, made with no real commitment, always with the safety net that I can make them again next year if they are broken. But is this a good way to carry on?

Saying sorry to someone can also be made of piecrust if said for the wrong reasons. 'I said I'm sorry - now stop going on about it' does not show much remorse at the wrong done to the other person. It could be worse - perhaps we are only sorry because we were caught and then vow never to be caught again. Saying sorry to God for past mistakes should be matched with a promise to make a new start and try to do things differently in the future. God can read our minds and our hearts, which means he knows if the promise is made of piecrust or something more valuable and durable.

We don't have to wait for a special occasion like the new year to make a new start, or even our occasional visit to church, with its opportunity for confession. The best time to make a promise to God or each other, is now, as soon as we realise we've done something wrong, before the damage becomes irreparable. It works. I promise!

May God continue to bless you and those you love.

Paul

Your Parish Matters

Baptism

12/01 Bridge Ella Sophie Swan

Funeral

27/12 Barham (Bridge) Peter Seago
06/01 Barham (Bekesbourne) Marianne (Molly) Charlton
15/01 Barham (Bridge) Mable Kate Boswell
16/01 Barham (Bridge) BettyMargaretTownsend

- **Smartie Tubes** Thank you to everyone who raised money for the Children's Society by saving coins in smartie tubes and bringing them to our Christmas services. Over £500 was raised across the benefice this year, and more tubes were given out ready for our Easter charity collection.
- **Confirmation 2003** In November last year 7 children & 4 adults from our Parishes were confirmed as members of the Church of England by the Bishop of Maidstone in Canterbury Cathedral. Do you want to 'confirm' the promises made on your behalf by your parents and godparents when you were baptised as a young child? If you do, or would like to find out more about confirmation, please contact Paul Filmer for information about our Spring 2003 confirmation course.
- **Lent Course 2003** Following his successful Advent series of lectures on the Bible, Canon John Packer will present *A Meditation On The Passion* over the 5 weeks of Lent. Each talk will be at 7pm in Bridge Church on Wednesday evenings (starting on Wed 12th March), with coffee before, and the office of Compline afterwards.
- **Christmas Workshop.** Margaret Clarke passes on her sincere thanks to all who helped with setting up and supervising the morning. 40 children enjoyed making Christmas cards, calendars and tree decorations to take home. Watch out for the next workshop on Good Friday (18th April).

St Peter's Bridge Cleaning Rota

February weeks ending

01/02 Carol Mounce

08/02 Julie Latham

15/02 Sarah Solly

22/02 Judy Filmer

March

01/03 Viv Saunders

Health and Healing Concerns

The meeting this month is on the first Thursday, 6th February at 7pm at 7 Windmill Close.

This time of the year brings a lot of sickness and problems. There has been a long list of petitions this past month and the prayers do not stop at the Thursday evening. All concerned go home and continue to pray sincerely for those on the prayer list until we meet again. So continue to let us know of any sick person or lonely person, or situations that we can bring before God in prayer. So please ring 830844 and do feel free to join us; you know you will be very welcome. Kath Pierce

Fish News

The next Coffee Pop-in in Bridge Village Hall is on Wednesday February 12th from 10 to 11.15am.

Appointments for chiropody are now made directly with Bridge Surgery.

If your mind is turning to spring seed-sowing do please raise some extra plants for the Fish Scheme Annual Fund Raising Coffee Morning on Saturday 17th May. It has become a great opportunity for plant trading. Thank you.

W.I.

On Tuesday 18th February Mrs Pauline Greenman will talk about the work of the "Association of Country Women of the World", (ACWW) and the competition is an object beginning with the letter E. Visitors and new members will be made very welcome.

Bridge Methodist Church

Feb 2nd Mr Michael Baybult B.Sc DMS. C.Eng.

Feb 9th Rev. David Marshall

Feb 16th Rev. Barbara Heather

Feb 23rd Rev. Donald Lugg

March 7th (Friday) Women's World Day of Prayer Service 11am

CHRISTMAS AT ST. PETER'S, BRIDGE.

The services over the Christmas period were all well attended and it is certain that everyone there would have seen how beautiful Viv (Brasier) and her noble group of ladies had made the church look. We must say a huge THANK YOU to them. They give of their time and their talents so generously.

The Carol Service was a wonderful occasion and a most appreciative acknowledgement should be made to everyone who took part. To the choir under the direction of Martin (Miles) who was, of course, also the organist. To the readers of the lessons. To Pat and Laurence (Dunderdale) and David (Latham) who so readily give of their time and strength to light all the candles used around the church and equally important see that they are all extinguished at the end of services, and generally watching to see that all is running smoothly. It was so good too, having with us for this ceremony, many of the retired clergy who assist Paul with services throughout the benefice during the year. We do of course thank both Paul and Margaret for the huge contribution they make on these special occasions as well as their duties throughout the year. We make a special thank you to Canon John Packer for his Celebration of Holy Communion at 8.00am on Christmas morning.

Let us also acknowledge with grateful thanks the financial donations made towards the purchase of new large, candles and indeed for the many new candles themselves.

Then of course there is the HUGE contribution of time and energy put in by some of these same people and certainly not to forget Kathy Eynon in the preparations for the Christingle Service - attended by some 360 adults and children. Thank you so much to each and everyone of you and let us never forget that it was all done and always is done for the GLORY OF GOD OUR FATHER and HIS SON JESUS CHRIST whose birth we were celebrating.

DH.

St Mary's Patricxbourne Carol Service December 23rd 2002

Many thanks are offered to all those who ensured that the Annual Carol Service at St Mary's was once again an occasion to remember. We are grateful to the Reverend Raymond Gilbert for conducting the choir, and to Rosalie Stacey for all the pre-rehearsal preparations and for ensuring the presence of so many regular Carol Service Choir members. The choir, drawn from near and far, once again rose magnificently to the challenge of the choir items and the soloists performed their pieces beautifully. Thanks are also due to Robert Scott for his accomplished playing of the organ, to those who read the lessons, and to all who decorated the Church on the Monday morning.

Finally, thank you to everyone who attended the service and so generously contributed towards our chosen local Christmas charities. A total of £231 was collected for Signalong and Demelza House.



**The
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Society**

**The Children's Society
Fund Raising 2002**

During 2002, in Bridge, a total of £1097.37 was contributed to the Society. This was achieved by the following:-

| | |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Contents of Home and Shop Boxes | 587.17 |
| Sale of goods at "Table Fair" | 48.00 |
| Donations | 50.00 |
| Christmas Eve Christingle Service | 412.20 |
| Total | £1097.37 |

The Christingle Service at Bridge church was particularly successful in raising £412.20 from smartie tube savings and the collection,. Many thanks are due to Paul (our Vicar) for the service (and illuminated talk!), Laurence and Pat Dunderdale and all other helpers, with special mention of Mr Tilly who has donated the oranges for many years. A record number of Christingles, 175, were given to the children attending the service.

The Children's Society is very grateful for this generous support. Around 100 projects, across England, are working to transform the lives of disadvantaged children and young people - on the streets, in poor communities, in prisons and recently helping to solve problems of bullying in some schools. Sadly the need for funding the work increases each year.

Please, will you continue your support for this Charity. Our local home-shop boxes will be emptied early in March this year.

for information or queries please contact:

Kathy Eynon (Tel 830466), 19 Bridge Down.

Hon. Local Secretary for the Children's Society

THE FRIENDS OF BEKESBOURNE CHURCH

Our annual evening of CAROLS at THE UNICORN took place on 19 December, too late for a mention in the January magazine.

There was a full house for a very happy and enjoyable evening, when Stuart Field and Dave Cutting once again led us in a rousing rendition of favourite carols - a timely reminder of what Christmas is all about. There was a splendid array of prizes for the Raffle, generously contributed by HOVER SPEED and other benefactors, which raised £115 for our funds. Once again, we thank Clive and Cheryl for hosting such a pleasant occasion, and take this opportunity to wish all our supporters a very HAPPY NEW YEAR and our thanks to you all.

FUTURE EVENT: Our next event will be the annual WINE & WISDOM Evening on Friday 7 March 2003 at 7.15pm in Bekesbourne Village Hall, when members of last year's winning table will set the questions to challenge us all! As usual, it will be BYO food, drink, plates, cutlery and glasses - great value at £3 a ticket! To book a table, phone Romany on 831029 or Jane on 832133 and join us for a Good Night Out.

Bekesbourne Flower Rota 2003

7th February 2003

Jane shorrock

14th February 2003

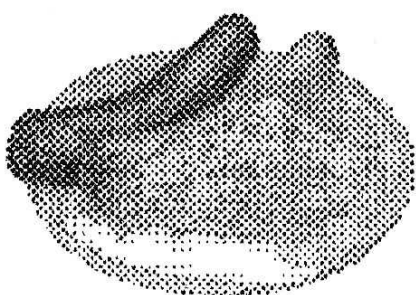
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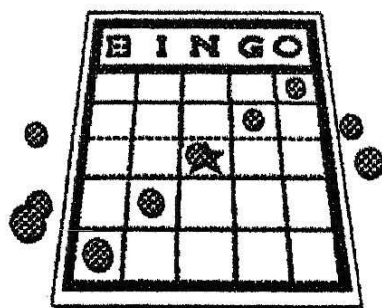
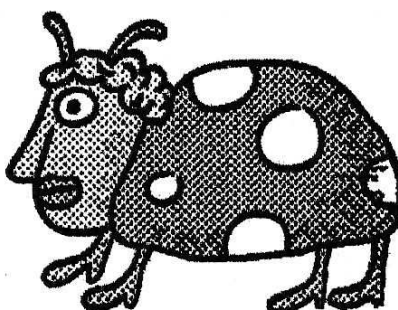
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Bridge History Society

Our first meeting of the year was on Tuesday 14th January - a talk by Paul Tritton about the film 'A Canterbury Tale', set in wartime Canterbury and district. One of our founder members, Jim Tamsitt, and other local people, appear in the film. We have a fascinating programme ahead of us. The next event is a talk by Martin Lloyd on 'Passports, Assassins, Traitors and Spies' - an account of scoundrels and worse who have passed through the county of Kent and its ports. The talk will be given at the White Horse in Bridge at 7.30pm on Tuesday 11 February, and hot refreshments will be served. If you would like to know more about this event, or would be interested in hearing more about the programme or the Society, please telephone either David Gilmour (832450) or John Bishop (832596).

Meriel Connor

NAILBOURNE SCOUT GROUP CHRISTMAS MAIL

The Scout Group organised and delivered approx 600 Christmas cards for Christmas and helped raise funds for the Group. We would like to thank:

- the proprietors who kindly agreed to hold mailboxes in their premises and arrange the sale of stamps
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Booking charge £3.00

2. Elisa Darcy Mortimer - Celebrating Nature

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Saturday 22nd March 2003, 10.30 am - 12.30 pm

Elisa, a successful Bridge artist, will talk about and demonstrate aspects of her art

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All two will take place in the Plough & Harrow public house meeting room in Bridge

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To receive information on future Art in Bridge activities please contact John Corfield on 01227 830976 or

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Maidstone Orchestral Society

"Maidstone Symphony Orchestra, Conductor, Brian Wright, will perform on Saturday 8th February 2003 commencing at 7.30pm at Mote Hall, Maidstone Leisure Centre, Mote Park, Maidstone. The programme consists of four works: Shostakovitch - Festive Overture; Elgar - Cello Concerto; Soloist Felix Schmidt; Delius - The Walk to the Paradise Garden and Prokofiev - Symphony No 7.

Tickets £16, £12, £8, all seats for children or students with a students card £3 available from the Membership Secretaries on 01622 736392, paid for and collected on the concert evening at Mote Hall; or from Maidstone Leisure Centre 01622 761111 when payment can be made by credit card.

Many thanks for your continued co-operation and support to the MSO,

Maidstone Orchestra Society

A Big Thank-You

Just a small note to say thank you for all your support in my fund-raising efforts towards my Raleigh International expedition to Costa Rica. I have secured my place by completing the target figure of £3,200, with only days to spare! my health worries have also been overcome after several talks with Raleigh staff and doctors. I shall be leaving on 7th February and will be returning some time between 24th April and 24th May. When I return I will be holding an evening where you will all be invited to come and hear about my trip of a lifetime.

If you would like updates about my travel and progress, then please contact me on 01227 830250 for more details.

Thank you all again. Amy Filmer

NOTES FROM THE DECEMBER MEETING OF BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Street Lighting - Bifrons Path: Cllr Anderson reported that Enterprise Inns have confirmed their agreement to the installation of the light within the curtilage of The White Horse Inn subject to Canterbury City Council providing a wayleave or licence. The clerk has forwarded all the details to Mark Ellender, Head of Legal & Committee Services and a reply is currently awaited.

Parish Community Wardens Project: Canterbury City Council have advised of the Parish Community Wardens Project which has the potential to make a huge positive impact on quality of life issues in the parish. and it was **AGREED** to invite the Community Warden Team Manager to the next meeting to give a presentation to councillors.

Christmas Trees: Cllr Walder thanked all the dozen or so helpers, including members of the scouts, who were involved in erecting the Christmas trees in the High Street. Cllr Anderson thanked Cllrs Walder and Gulvin for their work in organising the display this year and Councillors would like to thank residents for their donations. It was unanimously **AGREED** to make a £20.00 donation to the Scout Group.

Annual Parish Meeting: It was **AGREED** to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on 27 March 2003 and the clerk was requested to book the village hall for that date.

Planning applications received: The following planning applications have been received and are under consideration:

CA/02/01495/BRI - Single-storey extension to rear of dwelling at Church Cottage, 104 High Street, Bridge.

CA/02/01239/BRI - Amended plans for erection of bungalow on land adjacent to Trees, Bridge Hill, Bridge.

Planning applications granted: The following planning applications have been notified as granted:

CA/02/01252/BRI - Two-storey extension to rear of dwelling at 38 High Street, Bridge.

CAL02/00131/BRI - Two-storey extension to rear of dwelling at 38 High Street, Bridge

Applications rejected: No planning applications have been notified as rejected.

Notice of proposed work to trees in a Conservation Area: The following notices of proposed work have been received for which a Tree Preservation Order is not being served:

Reduce crown of multi-stemmed Cypress in front garden by up to one third at Springfield, Conyngham Lane, Bridge.

Street Lighting - Anonymous Circular: It was reported that an anonymous circular had been delivered to some households in the village and it was **AGREED** to decline to comment.

CLIC4Bridge: Cllr Connor reported that Bridge & Patricxbourne CEP School are interested in enabling their information and technology facility at the school to be used by members of the public. Cllr Connor agreed to have a preliminary discussion with Mrs A Newton, the Head Teacher, and report back at the January meeting with further details.

River Management Committee: Cllr Connor reported that the group met a month ago where a number of issues were discussed including the proposal for an airport at Cliffe. It was suggested that parishes could write to the enquiry opposing the scheme and it was **AGREED** that Bridge would do so. Cllr Connor also reported that a flood plain map is to be issued in March and two road closure signs for flooding are to be issued to each parish. Cllr Gulvin agreed to receive the signs and store them in the sandbag store. A meeting of the Flood Wardens has not yet taken place due to work commitments but this is in hand.

NOTES FROM THE JANUARY MEETING OF BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL **PARISH COMMUNITY WARDENS PROJECT**

Mark Richardson gave a presentation to the Councillors on the Parish Community Warden's Project. Mark advised that it would cost £10,000 per annum for wardens to cover 4 * four-hour shifts per week in the village. It was **AGREED** that Bridge Parish Council should share the cost of financing the scheme with a Local Parish Council for a year's trial subject to a satisfactory response.

CHRISTMAS TREES

It was reported that there had been several compliments on the Christmas Tree Display in the village.

FLOODING

District Cllr Oakey reported that a Nailbourne Newsletter concerning Flooding is due to be distributed to homes along the Nailbourne on 11th January 2003.

It was reported that there are currently high bore hole readings for water along the Nailbourne comparable with October 2001. However the level of the Nailbourne is not as high as for 2001 and there are now new surface water drains.

Planning applications received: The following planning applications have been received and are under consideration:

CA/02/01567/BRI- installation of one 18 metres high telecommunications monopole with 3 antennas, 2 dishes and associated equipment cabinet at Renville Farm, New Dover Road, High Street, Bridge.

CA/02/01559/BRI- two storey front extension and single-storey side extension to 14, Conyngham Lane, Bridge.

Planning applications granted: The following planning applications have been notified as granted:

CAL02/00148/BRI- re-siting of satellite dish at 21, The Close Union Road, Bridge

PAU/DS/CA/02/1409- New fencing and gates at Bridge and Patricx-bourne Primary School

CLIC 4 BRIDGE

Cllr Connor reported that he would be meeting with the Head teacher and ICT teacher at Bridge School on Tuesday 14th January 2003 to discuss CLIC 4 Bridge.

Priest-in-Charge: Revd Paul Filmer, The Vicarage, 23 High Street, Bridge (830250)

Lay Reader: Mrs. Margaret Clarke. (Tel 765598)

PATRIXBOURNE WITH BRIDGE

Churchwardens Dr. AM Nicholson, Riverside Cottage, Patricxbourne (830947)

Mrs P Pritchard, 2 St Mary's Rd, Patricxbourne (830685)

Mr L H Dunderdale, 37 High St, Bridge (830668)

Mr D Latham, 16 Riverside Close, Bridge.

PCC Secretary Mrs A Williamson, Beechmount, Conyngham Lane, Bridge (830399)

PCC Treasurer Mr L Andrews, 120 New Dover Road, Canterbury

Gift Aid Officer Mrs J Latham, 16 Riverside Close, Bridge.

Choirmaster & Organist

Organist (Patricxbourne) Mrs RM Stacey, Joslet, Keepers Hill, Patricxbourne (830205)

BEKESBOURNE

Churchwardens Mrs J Gillanders, Cala, Aerodrome Rd, Bekesbourne

Mr J Cowans, Distant View, Adisham Rd, Bekesbourne (831029)

PCC Secretary Mrs J Millyard, 10 De Havillands, Bekesbourne (830256)

PCC Treasurer Mrs Zan Clifford, Oakleigh Lodge, Bekesbourne (830328)

Organist Mrs RM Stacey, Joslet, Keepers Hill, Patricxbourne (830205)

Captain of the Ringers Mrs Gill Moon, The Haven, Aerodrome Rd, Bekesbourne (832134)

On The Nail Advertising- Mr HPM Lawrence, 21 Windmill Close, Bridge (830472)

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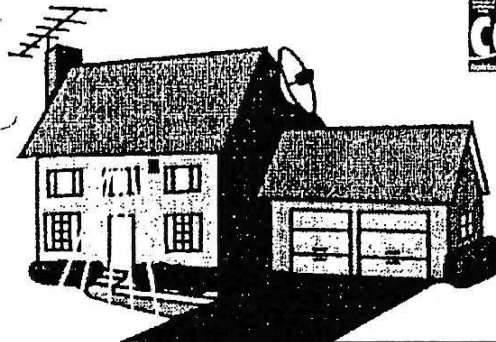
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| March Sun 2nd 1 before Lent | | 11.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer | 9.30 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer 6.00pm Evensong Rev P Filmer Mrs M Clarke | 8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer | 10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel | OT: 2 Kings 2. 1-12 NT: 2 Cor 4. 3-6 G: Mark 9. 2-9 |
| Wed 5th Ash Wednesday | | | 7.00 pm Holy Communion Rev P Filmer | | | |
| Sun 9th Lent 1 | 9.30 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer | | 11.00am Family Service Rev P Filmer | 10.00 am Mattins Chris Maclean | 8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorrocks | OT: Gen 9. 8-17 NT: 1 Peter 3. 18-22 G: Mark 1. 9-15 |
| Sun 16th Lent 2 | 8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer | 10.00 am Family Service Mrs M Clarke | 10.00 am Holy Communion Can & Manley | | 10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer | OT: Gen 17. 1-7 15-16 NT: Rom 4. 13-25 G: Mark 8. 31-38 |
| Sun 23rd Lent 3 | 9.30 am Holy Communion Can R Diss | 3.00 pm Evensong Mrs M Clarke Rev P Filmer | 8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer | 10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer 5.00 pm Family Service Martin Leggatt | | OT: Ex 20. 1-17 NT: 1 Cor 1. 18-25 G: John 2. 13-22 |
| Sun 30th Lent 4 Mothering Sunday | 9.30 am Mothering Day Service Chris Maclean | 10.00 am Mothering Day Service Mrs M Clarke | 9.30 am Mothering Day Holy Communion Rev P Filmer | | 11.00 am Mothering Day Service Rev J Shorrocks | OT: Num 21. 4-9 NT: Eph 2. 1-10 G: John 3. 14-21 |
| Sun 6th April Lent 5 | | 11.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer | 9.30 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer | 8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorrocks | 10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel | OT: Jer 31. 31-34 NT: Heb 5. 5-10 G: John 12. 20-33 |

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Diary for March 2003

- 3rd Lent Service for Bridge School, Bridge Church 9.30am
Caring and Sharing, 8 Riverside Close, Bridge 7.30pm
- 4th Lent Service for Bridge School, Bridge Church 9.30am
Holy Communion, The New Close, Bridge 2.30pm
After Eights, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 8pm
- 5th Ash Wednesday Service, Bridge Church 7pm
- 6th Health and Healing, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 7pm
- 7th Bekesbourne Wine & Wisdom, Bekesbourne Village Hall 7.15pm
- 8th Bangers, Beetle & Bingo, Bridge Village Hall 5pm
- 10th Caring and Sharing, 37 High Street, Bridge 7.30pm
- 11th Holy Communion, Churchill House, Bridge 2.30pm
After Eights, Fairview, Bekesbourne Lane 8pm
- 12th Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-in, Bridge Village Hall 10-11.15am
Ears and Beers, Plough & Harrow, Bridge 6pm
Lent Lecture (1), Bridge Church 7pm
- 15th Lower Hardres Junior Choir, Lower Hardres Church 10.15am
- 17th Caring and Sharing, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 7.30pm
- 18th Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge, Bridge 2.30pm
Women's Institute, Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm
After Eights, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 8pm
- 19th Lent Lecture (2), Bridge Church 7pm
- 22nd Diocesan "Parish Links" Day Cathedral
Nailbourne Scouts Wine & Wisdom, Bishopsbourne Village
Hall 7.30pm
- 24th Caring and Sharing, 16 Riverside Close, Bridge 7.30pm
- 25th After Eights, Fairview, Bekesbourne Lane 8pm
- 26th Lent Lecture (3), Bridge Church 7pm
- 29th Lower Hardres Junior Choir, Lower Hardres Church 10.15am
- 31st Caring and Sharing, The Purlins, Meadow Close. 7.30pm

Forthcoming Events

- 5th April Spring Coffee Morning
- 10th May Book and Puzzle Fair
- 7th June Treasure Hunt
- 21st June Village Fete
- 12th July Sign Along Tea Party
- 20th July July Benefice BBQ



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Life On Mars?

I'm sure we were all saddened at the tragic loss of 7 lives when the Columbia space shuttle disintegrated on re-entry in February. Perhaps the shock was worse because space travel has become almost routine, with minimal risk, having been done safely so many times before.

Space travel has always fascinated us gravitationally challenged mortals, and there has been a certain amount of earthly benefit over the years as we pursued the heavenly goal of conquering 'the final frontier'. Our horizons have grown, and whilst manned missions pop up to the moon and back, unmanned probes are exploring further afield. This week I heard that the UK is to send a probe to Mars in search of life, in competition with the NASA programme already in place.

Is it me? or have we lost the plot somewhere? How many billions of dollars, and pounds, are being poured into the quest for Martian fossils when so much life on Earth is at risk through lack of investment? How much third world debt could be cancelled; how many needless deaths could be prevented; how many vulnerable people could be protected; if the space race money was used on earthly necessities rather than heavenly luxuries? Can anyone explain to me how evidence of bacteria on Mars can be of comfort or benefit to those suffering needlessly for want of adequate funding?

The Bible looks forward to a day when our priorities are straightened and swords will be turned into ploughshares; perhaps swords should be updated to rockets, and then we could include space probes as well as scud & cruise missiles

May the peace of God be upon you and those you love.

Paul

Your Parish Matters

Funeral

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| 28/01 | Barham (L Hardres) | Dorothy M Wilshire |
| 02/02 | Bridge/Patrixbourne | Laurence GS Shirley |
| 07/02 | Bridge/Barham | Betty Ousey |

- **Confirmation 2003** In November last year 7 children & 4 adults from our Parishes were confirmed as members of the Church of England by the Bishop of Maidstone in Canterbury Cathedral. Do you want to 'confirm' the promises made on your behalf by your parents and godparents when you were baptised as a young child? If you do, or would like to find out more about confirmation, please contact Paul Filmer for information about our Spring 2003 confirmation course.
- **New Archbishop** Everyone is welcome to attend a special Diocesan service of welcome for our new Archbishop of Canterbury; the Rt Rev Rowan Williams. The service will be at 3pm on Sunday 2nd March at the Cathedral - no tickets needed.
- **Ash Wednesday** A special service of Holy Communion will be held at 7pm in Bridge Church to mark the beginning of Lent.
- **Lent Course 2003** Following his successful Advent series of lectures on the Bible, Canon John Packer will present *A Meditation On The Passion* over the 5 weeks of Lent. Each talk will be at 7pm in Bridge Church on Wednesday evenings (starting on Wed 12th March), with coffee before, and the office of Compline afterwards.

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| March 12 | The Long Wait for a Messiah |
| March 19 | The Messiah |
| March 26 | The Crucifixion |
| April 2 | Afterwards |
| April 9 | What Has Happened Since |
- **Mothering Sunday** Extra services will held across the Benefice to celebrate this day. At Bridge there will be a benefice Holy Communion, and at Bekesbourne there will be a special service led by Rev John Shorrocks
- **Parish Links Day** We will be displaying information about our developing link with the Lutheran Church of Marburg, Germany at the Cathedral on Sat 22nd March. Everyone is invited to attend (open 9.30 am - 3.00 pm; admission free) to explore how various parishes have linked with overseas churches or missions.

Bridge Methodist Church

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| Mar 2nd | Rev. Donald Lugg |
| Mar 7th (Fri) | Women's World Day of Prayer 11am |
| Mar 9th | Mrs Beryl skinner |
| Mar 16th | Miss Jean Hall |
| Mar 23rd | Re. David Marshall, Holy Communion |
| Mar 30th | Rev. Barbara Heather |
| Apr 6th | Mrs Marjorie Beckwith |

Health and Healing Concerns

The meeting this month is on Thursday 6th March as usual, at 7pm, 7 Windmill Close. Please let me know of any sick person who needs our prayers, or any situation. You know you will be very welcome to attend in person.

Kath Pierce 830844

Fish News

The Fish Scheme is yet another village organisation with reason to be grateful to the late Laurie Shirley. Over twenty years ago he encouraged and helped set up the scheme and after he retired he helped as a volunteer driver. He is greatly missed

If you have a car and are sometimes free during the week, please do consider becoming a driver, mostly for trips to the hospital or surgery. Telephone Ann Medhurst (830762) for more details.

The next Coffee Pop-in will be on Wednesday March 12th in Bridge Village Hall.

The Cornelia Slaurin Blossom Tour will be on May 7th.

W.I.

On Tuesday March 18th Mrs Barbara Wilson's talk is entitled "Working as a Prison Governor". The competition is an article beginning with D.



Parish Links Day

in the Cathedral
at the invitation of
the Dean

Saturday 22nd March 2003

9:30am - 3:00pm

- Come and share our experiences of links with parishes overseas.
- Join our group focusing on issues concerning links with other parishes.
- Hear Canon Mark Oxbrow (International Mission Director, CMS) speak on '20-20 Links: Vision and Clarity for Parish Links'.

THE FRIENDS OF BEKESBOURNE CHURCH

Our Jumble Sale was well supported by donors of jumble, helpers and of course customers - our thanks to them all. As a result of much hard work, a profit of £331 was made.

REMINDER - The **Wine & Wisdom Evening** is on 7th March at 7.15pm in Bekesbourne Village Hall - £3 a ticket! To book a table, phone Romany on 831029 or Jane on 832133. Do come and join us.

Bekesbourne Bell ringers

We have stayed at Parsonage Farm many times over the past years and would like to say how much we have appreciated the sound of the Bells over the valley. WELL DONE ALL. Sylvia and Gordon Labbett

Bekesbourne Flower and Cleaning Rota1

- 1st Mar Jane Shorrock/Joy Smith
- 8th Mar Clear flowers/clean Jane Shorrock
- 15th Mar Cleaning only Lent Janet Street
- 22nd Mar Lent
- 29th Mar Clean Zan Clifford
- 5th Apr Cleaning only Lent Wendy Woods

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Friday 7 March 2003

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FAREWELL TO LAURENCE SHIRLEY

When our dear and late lamented Laurie heard in October that he was suffering from an incurable disease, he wrote out his wishes regarding his funeral on a sheet of recycled A4 paper. A lover of traditional jazz, to which he often listened at the Swingate pub near Dover, he asked for a funeral like those in New Orleans, with a hearse drawn by two black horses, behind which would walk the jazz band and mourners. He died at home, surrounded by members of the family, grandchildren included, at about 9 a.m. on Tuesday 21 January. Not long afterwards, the Vicar conducted a short service, which was very comforting. The weather of the week that followed was cold, grey and dreary - most unlike the climate in New Orleans. Cars were even stuck in snowdrifts all night. Meanwhile Mrs. Margaret Clarke, pastoral assistant in the parish of Patricbourne with Bridge, came and went, instructing us as to the form the church service might take and consulting us about the choice of hymns and other matters. We were thankful to find that the morning of 2 February dawned cool but clear. Members of the family and close friends followed the hearse and the Gambit Jazz men up Mill Lane, down Union Road into Dering Road, then up Aunt Betsy's Hill almost at a gallop until turning into the High Street; we saw the pavements lined with people. Most of these joined the procession, perhaps feeling, like us, that one could not be sad on walking to the music of the jazz men and that we were all contributing to give Laurie the send off that he requested and deserved after 32 years as SubPostmaster and many years of voluntary service for the village and wider community, well reported in the *Kentish Gazette*.

At Bridge St. Peter's church there was standing room only and the service was conducted, at Laurie's wish, by Mrs. Margaret Clarke, supported by the Vicar. An old friend, Peter Giles, played the organ and gave one of three tributes, the others being by a friend from Laurie's youth in Hampshire, Chris Barton, and by Laurie's younger son, Nick. His grand-daughter, Meg, read her heartfelt poem to Granddad, while grandson Scott read a fine passage from the Revelation to St. John.

The jazz men had played us into the church with "Stranger on the Shore" and with "The old rugged cross". They reformed at the corner of Patricbourne Road, to follow in the wake of the hearse and horses to St. Mary's Patricbourne, where Laurie was buried, in the sight of many many friends and family and to the tune of "Didn't he ramble?"

The "wake" afterwards took place in the Plough and Harrow, and The Red Lion.

We have to thank the undertaker, Mr. Farrier of Dover for making the funeral arrangements, as well as Mrs. Clarke, the Reverend Paul Filmer, the church wardens and all who took part in the service and helped in other ways.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory!

JOHN, NICK and ANN SHIRLEY

Lawrence Shirley

The whole village has been mourning the passing of a very popular, kind and friendly person. But he has left at least one permanent memorial to the village - that is the Pharmacy. Twenty five years ago Laurie discovered that Dr. Russell was encouraging me to open a pharmacy in the village but there were no suitable premises. At his own expense Laurie, during that summer built on an extension to the Post Office. Typically he would not say what it was for and rumours ranged from a fish and chip shop to a book shop!

On November 1st 1978 the pharmacy opened and Laurie proved to be an ideal landlord to successive owners. He was motivated by his very deep concern for the welfare of people living in the village and it is a matter of great sadness that he has not lived to see the silver jubilee of his great accomplishment.

Grace Goodman

Take a Note
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Letter to the Editor

I am an Ambulance Paramedic based at Canterbury Ambulance Station with Kent Ambulance Service. One problem associated with my job is the difficulty in finding house names and numbers especially when it is dark. This can be caused by a number of things. Overgrown foliage covering numbers and names, us having to look at every house name, numbers painted the same colour as the front door or a total absence of both altogether. The last one after much searching prompting the occupants to say at one emergency call I attended " but everyone knows we live here"!

I have a few helpful hints on what to do if you require an emergency ambulance: Display names and numbers clearly (preferably on a wall or fence at the bottom of the garden or drive, your front door could be some distance from the road making the above difficult to see). If possible get someone to stand in the road looking out for the Ambulance, if not, point out a prominent land mark to the call taker at our control who will pass on this information. Our call takers will stay on the phone and help you whilst you wait for our arrival but don't worry the ambulance will be on its way.

Remember the faster we arrive at the scene of the incident the quicker we can start treatment and get you to the hospital.

D.L.

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you.

Supporting me in what I hear you ask? As many of you know at the end of May I am going to Maputo, Mozambique, with the charity MENCAP. Whilst in Maputo I will be helping to refurbish two schools, one a special needs school. In order to take part I need to raise £2500 in sponsorship.

I therefore arranged a charity gala dinner at the White Horse, (thanks Alan), for the 23rd January. I sent about 70 invitations and 8 people booked to attend, (not enough to run the event). However I was staggered by the generous response of so many people who couldn't attend but nevertheless sent me donations. Indeed the total raised from this event now stands at £745 an amazing result!

I am sorry that I have not found the time to write to each of you individually but be assured that my flabber has been well and truly gasted by your kindness. I will try to arrange an event, by way of a thank you, after I have returned. You will also be able to find out about what I get up to on TV. MENCAP have just informed me that a British TV crew will be making an hour long documentary about the project.

Martin Leggatt.

NAILBOURNE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

So that you can start nurturing your bulbs now, we're giving you advance notice of this year's Spring Show on Tuesday 8 April in Bridge Village Hall. We are hoping for more exhibits and exhibitors than ever before to make a colourful display in the hall for everyone to enjoy.

The hall will be open from 6pm so that members can stage their exhibits ready for judging at 7.15pm. Do remember that you have to be a paid up member of the Society to show, but you can renew your membership on the night (£2.50 for single and £4 for family membership). Show schedules are available now from Billie Anderson (Tel 830260), Ann Edmonds (Tel 830795), Kathy Walder (Tel: 830057) or any other committee member.

Refreshments will be served whilst the judging is taking place. There will also be a plant stall. Donations of surplus plants, cuttings etc. would be most welcome and should be brought along on the evening or alternatively can be left with Kathy Walder. Proceeds will go to the Society's funds.

We look forward to a successful and enjoyable Show on the 8th.

Nailbourne Scout Group

WINE AND WISDOM

Saturday 22nd March 2003

7:30 for 8:00pm

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Saturday 5th April 2003

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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

LITTLEBOURNE & DISTRICT BRANCH

17 members were present at the February 2003 meeting held at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne, when Doug Fenn, was in the Chair. He welcomed to the meeting Mr Wigmore from Grove, a proposed new member of the Branch.

Good wishes were recorded to Jim Mount, Maurice Stephens and Ernie Goodhew, three Branch members who are unwell. Correspondence and Finance matters were dealt with and Tony Bevan, the Welfare Officer, gave his report on cases in hand.

The Branch will be entering a team in the Group 4 Quiz in April at Canterbury.

On 6th March we are holding a Curry Night at the Hay Wain, Bramling, 7.30 for 8pm. The price will be £5 per head. There will also be other dishes available for those who do not wish to have curry. Anyone interested should ring either our Vice Chairman on 01227 721237 or the Secretary on 01227 472023. Do come and join us.

All our monthly meetings are now held at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne at 8pm. The next two Branch meetings are on Tuesdays, 11th March and 8th April 2003.

We are an active Branch and we welcome any ex-service person to consider joining the Branch. Non service persons who support our cause can also be eligible to join.

ELHAM VALLEY TWINNING ASSOCIATION

The **Annual General Meeting** of the **Elham Valley Twinning Association (EVTA)** will be held this year at Kingston Barn on Tuesday 11 March starting at 7.30 pm.

In addition to the business part of the meeting, there will be a speaker and debate on the recent ruling for it to be no longer compulsory to learn a foreign language in school beyond the age of 14. There will also be a chance to chat with members, old and new, over a friendly glass of wine.

You do not need to be an expert in French to be a member of this Association - just an interest in meeting up and joining in with other likeminded people. The Association organises a variety of events throughout the year (see below) both here in the Valley and also with its "Twin", the Vallee de la Course (near Desvres/Montreuil) in North France.

Do come along and see what we are about on the 11th.

EVTA is also holding a **Wine and Wisdom** evening on **Saturday, 5 April 2003**, starting at 7.00 for 7.15 pm, in **Barham Village Hall**.

Why not get together and book a table (max. 6 people) for what should be a light-hearted evening. If you haven't got 6 people, we can help you to make up a table. You don't have to be an EVTA member - everyone is welcome.

Food is American Supper (ie bring your own, as well as crockery/cutlery/glasses). Wine, soft drinks and "nibbles" will be provided on each table.

Cost per person is £3.00. For further information or to book, please contact EVTA Bridge reps., either Bob Horgan (830672) or Kathy Walder (830057).

On a lighter note

Most people don't realise how much editing goes into producing a church bulletin or newsletter. Some announcements have to be completely rewritten because if they appeared the way they were submitted, it would lead to total confusion. Below are some examples:

Don't let worry kill you - let the church help.

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs Martin to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

Age Concern Canterbury

This is a new free service which aims to provide 'one to one' ongoing support, information and advice to those who care for older people suffering from Dementia or Alzheimer's Disease.

The type of support given will be agreed with the person's main carer to help ease some of his or her everyday stresses and strains.

We can discuss how best this service can help you during either an introductory visit to you at home, or a telephone call or a visit to this centre. This may be in practical ways such as help with benefits advice, information about other services or just a friendly face to visit you and the person you care for.

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NOTES FROM THE FEBRUARY MEETING OF BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL **PARISH COMMUNITY WARDENS PROJECT**

Cllr Anderson reported that i) Bridge Parish Council's application for a warden from Canterbury City Council is on hold. ii) Bridge Parish Council have applied jointly with Bishopsbourne and Bekesbourne with Patricxbourne Parish Council as the North Nailbourne Ward for a free warden from Kent County Council.

PARISH FORUM MEETING 1st FEBRUARY 2003

Cllr Dobson reported back to the Parish Council on Canterbury City Council's Recycling Scheme. Cllr Dobson advised that i) it is important to place only recyclable materials in the clear plastic sacks provided, as bags that containing other materials are automatically placed in landfill sites without being sorted. ii) A place is required in the village to store surplus plastic sacks. iii) The Council is due to deliver more sacks soon.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT RURAL YOUTH BUS

Cllr Dobson reported that Canterbury City Council is intending to provide a mobile bus staffed by two youth workers to go out to rural areas and work in conjunction with local volunteers to provide local youth facilities. The bus will contain resources, which can be unloaded at appropriate venues. It was **AGREED** that the Parish Council would support the use of the village hall one session per week.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Cllr Walder reported that Nick Shirley had offered to give a presentation on 'How the Nailbourne Flows' at the Annual Parish Meeting. In the event of Mr Shirley being away on business Cllr Walder agreed to talk about the Elham Valley Twinning Association.

CLIC 4 BRIDGE

Cllr Connor reported that he had met with the Headteacher at Bridge Primary School together with Mr Sleight, the specialist ICT teacher, to discuss the opportunities offered for use of the IT facilities at the school. The school have advised that a 10-week course of 2-hour classes will cost £80. It was **AGREED** that any local people who might be interested in this facility should contact the Parish Clerk on 01227 831085.

Planning applications received: The following planning application has been received and is under consideration: CAM03/00001/BRI, replaced application CA/02/1567/BRI-installation of 15 metres high telecommunications monopole with 3 antennas, two dishes and associated equipment cabinet at Renville farm, New Dover Road, High Street, Bridge.

Planning applications granted: The following planning application has been notified as granted: CA/02/01559/BRI-two storey extension and single storey side extension to 14, Conynham Lane Bridge

Priest-in-Charge: Revd Paul Filmer, The Vicarage, 23 High Street, Bridge (830250)
Lay Reader: Mrs. Margaret Clarke. (Tel 765598)

PATRIXBOURNE WITH BRIDGE

Churchwardens Dr. AM Nicholson, Riverside Cottage, Patricxbourne (830947)
Mrs P Pritchard, 2 St Mary's Rd, Patricxbourne (830685)
Mr L H Dunderdale, 37 High St, Bridge (830668)
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Churchwardens Mrs J Gillanders, Cala, Aerodrome Rd, Bekesbourne
Mr J Cowans, Distant View, Adisham Rd, Bekesbourne (831029)

PCC Secretary Mrs J Millyard, 10 De Havillands, Bekesbourne (830256)

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Captain of the Ringers Mrs Gill Moon, The Haven, Aerodrome Rd, Bekesbourne (832134)

On The Nail Advertising- Mr HPM Lawrence, 21 Windmill Close, Bridge (830472)

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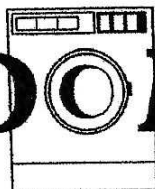
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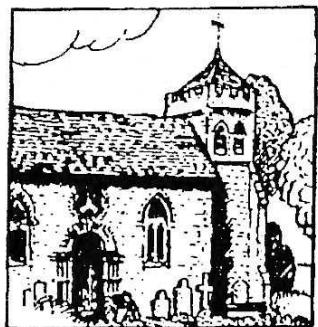
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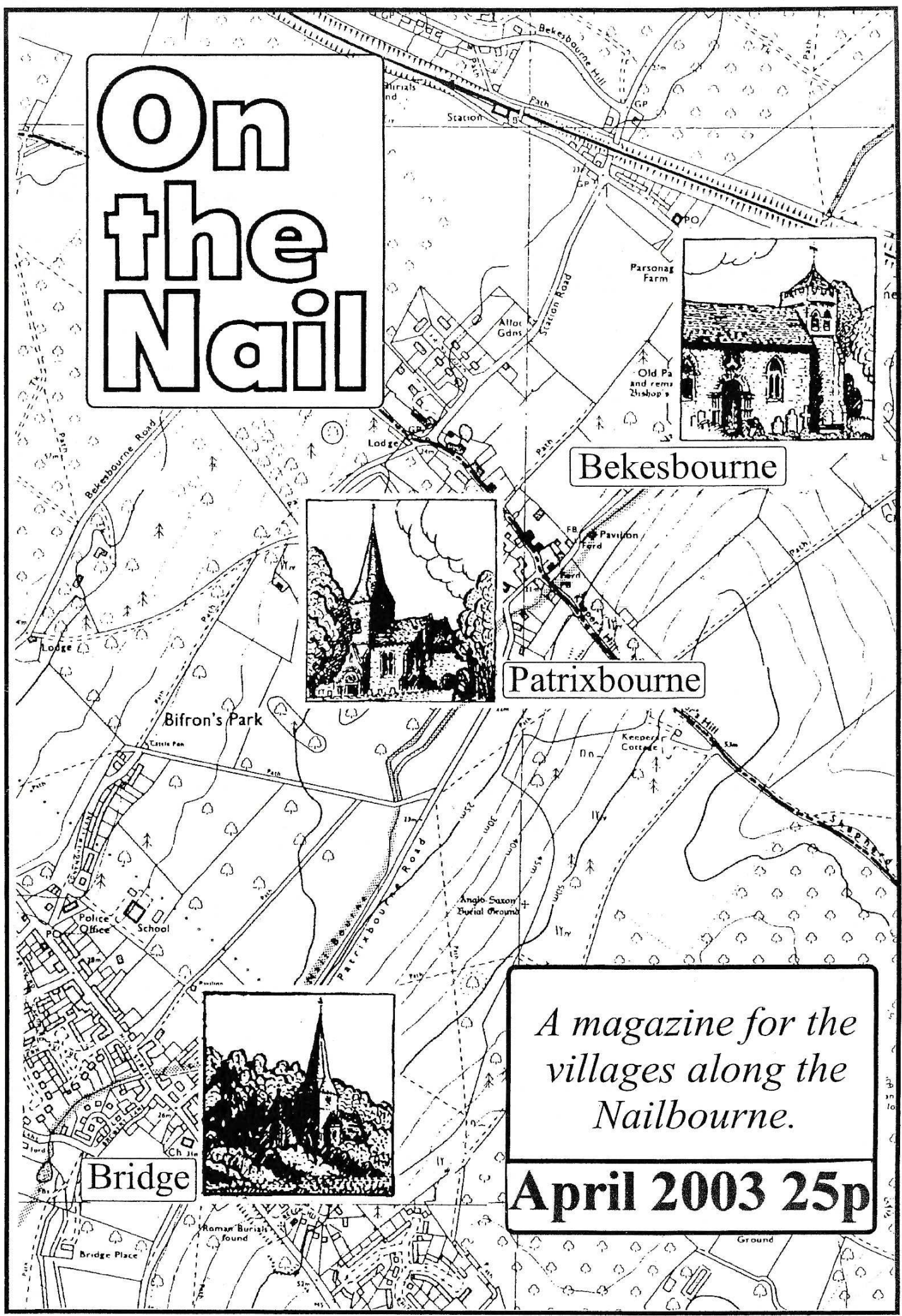
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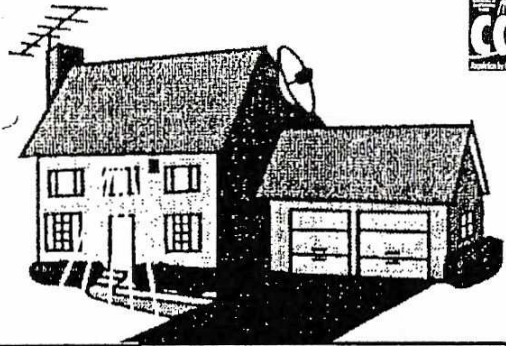


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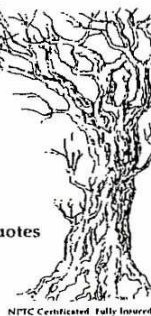
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|----------------------------|---|--|---|---|--|---|
| Sun 6th April Lent 5 | | 11.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer | 9.30 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer | 8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorrocks | 10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel | OT: Jer 31. 31-34 NT: Heb 5. 5-10 G: John 12. 20-33 |
| Sun 13th Palm Sunday | 9.30 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer | 6.00 pm Evensong Rev P Filmer Mrs M Clarke | 11.00am Family Service Rev P Filmer | 10.00 am Mattins Chris Maclean | 8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer | OT: Isa 50. 4-9a NT: Phil 2. 5-11 G: Mark 14. 1-15, 47 |
| HOLY WEEK | Mon 14th April 8.00 am Holy Communion | Sat 19th April 7.30 pm Service of Light | Thurs 17th April 7.30 pm Terebrae Bridge School | Tues 15th April 5.30 pm Evening Prayer | Weds 16th April Noon Holy Communion | |
| | | Good Friday 18th 9.30 am Childrens Worship JBW Hall | Noon | GOOD FRIDAY 18th April WALK OF WITNESS 11.00 am | 10.00 am | |
| Sun 20th Easter Sunday | 8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer | 10.00 am Family Service & Holy Communion Mrs M Clarke Rev D Bretherton | 10.00 am Holy Communion Can G Manley | 5.00 pm Holy Communion Rev P Filmer | 10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer | OT: Isa 25. 6-9 NT: Acts 10. 34-43 G: John 20. 1-18 |
| Sun 27th Easter 2 | 9.30 am Holy Communion Can R Diss | | 8.00 am BCP Communion Can J Packer 6.00 pm Evensong Mrs M Clarke Can J Packer | 10.00 am Holy Communion Rev D Bretherton 4.00 pm Family Service Mrs M Clarke | | OT: Ex14.10-end, 15.20,21 NT: Acts 4. 32-35 G: John 20. 10-end |
| May Sun 4th Easter 3 | | 11.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer | 9.30 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer | 8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer | 10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel | OT: Zep 3. 14-end NT: Acts 3. 12-19 G: Luke 24. 36b-48 |

Officiating Ministers liable to last minute changes

Diary for April 2003

- 1st Holy Communion, The New Close, Bridge 2.30pm
After Eights (t.b.a.) 8pm
- 2nd Lent Lecture (4), Bridge Church 7pm
- 4th Lower Hardres & Nackington APCM, John Baker-White
Hall, 7.30pm
- 5th Patrixbourne with Bridge Coffee Morning, Bridge Village Hall
10-12 noon
Bekesbourne Churchyard Working Party 10am
- 7th Caring and Sharing, 8 Conyngham Lane, Bridge 7.30pm
- 8th Holy Communion, Churchill House, Bridge 2.30pm
After Eights, Fairview, Bekesbourne Lane 8pm
Nailbourne Horticultural Spring Show, Bridge Village Hall 7.15pm
- 9th Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-in, Bridge Village Hall, 10-11.15am
Bekesbourne APCM, Bekesbourne Village Hall 7pm
Lent Lecture (5), Bridge Church 7pm
- 10th Health and Healing, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 7pm
- 14th Caring and Sharing, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 7.30pm
- 15th Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge, Bridge 2.30pm
Women's Institute, Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm
- 16th Ears and Beers, Plough & Harrow, Bridge 6pm
- 21st Easter Monday Youth Pilgrimage, Canterbury Cathedral
- 22nd Holy Communion, Highfield House, Bekesbourne 2.30pm
- 28th Patrixbourne with Bridge APCM, Bridge School 7.30pm
Caring and Sharing (t.b.a.) 7.30pm
- 29th After Eights, 20 Riverside Close, Bridge 8pm

Forthcoming events

Patrixbourne with Bridge

- 10th May Book and Puzzle Fair 10am - 2pm
- 7th June Treasure Hunt
- 21st June Bridge Village Fete
- 12th July Sing Along Tea Party
- 20th July Benefice BBQ

Bekesbourne

- 25th May Annual Rogationtide Walk
- 5th July Annual Boot Fair
- 26th Sept 'Bekesbourne in War and Peace' Talk
- 8th Nov Autumn Dance



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Walking on Eggshells

Last week, I read an article in the *Sunday Telegraph* that takes political correctness to new heights of stupidity. "Schools across Britain have been ordered by local authorities to abandon the ancient tradition of serving hot cross buns at Easter so as not to offend children of non-Christian faiths." Apparently some authorities have already banned pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, following on from the figure of Jesus being left out of the nativity scene and street decorations declaring 'seasons greetings' at Christmas.

Now we must be careful here. Minorities must always be taken into account - and just because 70% of the population declared themselves as Christian in the recent national census we cannot ride rough shod over the sensitivities and rights of others. Those of other (or no) faith have as much right to express their views, celebrate their special days and observe their rituals as Christians have. Hopefully they will not deliberately cause offence to anyone, and our Christian country would be wrong to censor the lawful expression of their cultural/faith beliefs.

So who decided that Christianity should not be treated the same? How come we have to walk around as if we are ashamed of our faith, apologising for having an opinion and restrained from expressing it. Interestingly, the Muslim Council of Britain called this latest decision 'bizarre', adding that British Muslims have been happily eating hot cross buns for years, and that the situation in Iraq should be of more concern at this time than school dinners.

I intend to eat lots of hot cross buns (purchased from my local Sikh run shop by the way) and perhaps an Easter egg or two, whilst celebrating the Easter miracle. Feel free to join me, or not, as you wish, but please do not take offence - there is none intended!

May the peace of the risen Christ be upon you and those you love.

Paul

Your Parish Matters

Confirmation

09/03 Canterbury (Bridge) Andrew McFall

Funeral

28/02 Barham (L Hardres) Vera G Manuel
10/03 Barham (Bridge) Ronald C Garlinge
14/03 Barham (Bridge) Grace E C Preston

Interment of Ashes

10/03 L Hardres Lilian M Busbridge

- **Easter 2003** There is a full programme of services during Holy Week again this year. I would especially recommend the Tenebrae meal/service on Maundy Thursday and the Walk of Witness on Good Friday. In the end of walk service at Bridge we will be joined by the children from Margaret's workshop. Talking of which
- **Good Friday Workshop** There will be a children's Easter Arts & Crafts Workshop from 9.30 - 11.30 in the John Baker White Hall at Lower Hardres. Those children who are able to will then take their 'results/products' to Bridge Church where we will join those from the Walk of Witness for a short Benefice service. Please book your place now with Margaret Clarke (765598), Julie Cox (788316) or Sue Leggatt (830251). Margaret asks for all pre-school children to be accompanied by an adult, and *suggests* a 50p donation per child to cover costs of materials.
- **Easter Monday Youth Pilgrimage** The annual youth pilgrimage to Canterbury Cathedral will be on Monday 21st April. Groups will converge on the Cathedral from all directions, and we will be walking from Bekesbourne, Bridge and Nackington, meeting at 9.45 for prayer before setting off at 10am. The programme of events is outlined below (details to be posted on church notice boards).
 - 12.00 Service in Cathedral
(worship led by the *Soul Survivor* band, and talk by Archbishop Rowan)
 - 13.00 Lunch in Chapter House/Cloisters
(bring a packed lunch)
 - 14.00 Range of activities for all ages
(including concert, bible study & drama workshop)
 - 15.30 Finale - Balloon Release

Benefice Easter Day Shared Lunch

Last year we held a very enjoyable shared easter Day lunch where all who came brought a casserole and pudding enough to feed their family plus a little for the unexpected visitor. As it was so enjoyable we would like to do the same this year at the school hall in Bridge. So that we have numbers for setting out tables, jacket potatoes and bread (which will be provided) please can you phone Paul on 01227 830250 if you would like to come. You will need to bring your casserole, a pudding, drink, plates and cutlery with you. Please join us if you are able.

Fish News

Are you a gardener? If you are growing seedlings or growing plants from cuttings please remember to pot up some extra ones for the Fish Scheme Annual Coffee Morning on Saturday, May 17th, Bring them along to Bridge Village Hall that morning and find something interesting to buy. It is the Great Village Plant Exchange. At the same time you can buy homemade cakes and pick up bric-a-brac. Do come. The Cornelia Slavin Blossom Tour is on Wednesday May 7th and the next Coffee Pop-In at Bridge Village Hall is on Wednesday 9th April.

Mrs Richards at Saxon Lodge has a number of surplus bath seats and back rests. Anyone interested in having either is asked to contact Mrs Richards direct on 831737.

Bridge Methodist Church

April 6th Mrs Marjorie Beckwith
April 13th Rev. David Marshall
April 20th Rev. George Baugh
April 27th Mr Michael Baybutt, B.Sc. DMS. C.Eng
May 4th Mr Ron Chadwick MA. DMS

Health and Healing

The meeting in April, unfortunately needs to be transferred to the second Thursday, 10th April. I trust this will not inconvenience too many people, The prayer cycle is continuous and can be added to, or deleted as circumstances change. Feed back shows the prayer group is vital and comforting to so many people, So please feel free with your petitions for sickness, bereavement, anxiety, loneliness and any other situation you are concerned over.

Do come in person, if you are able. You will be very welcome, alternatively phone me on 830844. The meeting commences at 7pm on 10th April at 7 Windmill Close, Bridge.

New Altar Frontals for Bekesbourne

Now that building work on the church has been completed over the last few years, our attention has turned to the inside. Thanks to the Friends of Bekesbourne Church and their various donors, we have new kneelers for the chancel steps, a curtain and cushion for the organ bench and carpeting in the vestry and under the tower. Work to upgrade the electrical installation is almost complete - again thanks to the Friends.

For some time the PCC has been thinking about the possibility of replacing some of the altar frontals, as most of those we use are very old and have suffered badly from the damp atmosphere in the church. While the building work was in progress, the PCC received a donation in memory of the Reynolds family, who used to live on Bekesbourne Hill. At the time, it didn't seem appropriate to buy anything new for the interior of the church, but we have recently discussed the design of new frontals with Henwoods of Folkestone and it appears that this donation, supplemented by some other funds we have put aside, would enable us to commission a new set in all the colours of the church year. The existing frontals will still be kept in the church and used occasionally when the need arises.

The PCC has agreed on the modern design of a laudian (rather like a tablecloth, which covers the whole altar table) to be made in a cream patterned brocade. This will remain on the altar throughout the year. Hanging over the centre front of the table to the floor will be a coloured 'throw' in the appropriate colour for the season - the purple will be embroidered with a simple gold cross, the green with the keys of St Peter and the red with Pentecostal flames and a dove. For festive, 'white' days, there will be a tapestry throw in colours of red, gold, blue and green on a cream ground. Our budget also allows for matching falls in the same fabric and colours to hang over the front of the lectern.

At the moment the PCC does not have sufficient funds to buy new matching burses and chalice veils in each of the four colours. (These are used on the altar to cover the chalice and pattern at the communion service). Each set will cost £70. If anyone wishes to contribute to the cost of these, perhaps in memory of a loved one, do please contact us.

There is a small display in the church, showing photographs and drawings of the designs and fabrics for anyone who is interested.

Jill Gillanders & Jane Millyard

**THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING FOR ST.
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THE MEETING HEARS ANNUAL REPORTS FROM OFFICERS OF THE P.C.C. AND OTHERS CONCERNED WITH CHURCH ACTIVITIES. THE CHURCHWARDENS ARE ELECTED AND SIDESPERSONS ARE APPOINTED. THERE ARE VACANCIES ON THE P.C.C. AND MORE SIDESPERSONS ARE REQUIRED TO HELP AT SERVICES. VOLUNTEERS TO EITHER SIT ON THE P.C.C. AND/OR BECOME SIDESPERSONS WOULD BE VERY WELCOME, AND INTERESTED PARISHIONERS SHOULD CONTACT ME OR ANY OTHER P.C.C. MEMBER.

JONATHAN COWANS - CHURCHWARDEN

THE FRIENDS OF BEKESBOURNE CHURCH

WINE & WISDOM EVENING: Having been a member of the winning team last year, The Reverend Paul Filmer did a splendid job as Question Master at this year's event. Other members of last year's victorious team provided an interesting and varied collection of questions to entertain us. Thanks to the efforts of the Quiz Team and all those who came to support the event, the excellent sum of £202 was raised to boost the funds of The Friends.

CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY: A spring clean of the Churchyard is planned for Saturday, 5 April, at 10 o'clock, when all helpers, and especially those with strimmers, will be very welcome as we tidy up after the winter.

W.I.

"Folklore of the Countryside" is Martin Newcombe's topic for the meeting on Tuesday 15th April. The competition is an article beginning with E.

The Churchwardens of Patricxbourne and Bridge write:

Money, Money, Money -it's a rich man's world -but not in our case!

It's that time of year again when the Council Tax Bill lands on the doormat and yet again it has gone up! So we apologise, but yes this is another call on your money. However, as a Church, we need to ask for your financial assistance.

The amount our Parish needs to raise, to support the work of the Church here, has risen again. Our biggest cost is our contribution to the Diocese, currently £25,344 per annum. This effectively covers our proportion of the costs of our Parish Priest, Paul Filmer, plus other Diocesan expenses. The Diocesan financial burden is increasing with respect to items such as pensions. The increasing numbers of retired clergy pensions, is something the Diocese has to fund, and rightly so.

After the contribution to the Diocese, we need to cover the cost of the maintenance of our two Churches, insurance, heating, lighting and other Parish expenses. The bill for all this currently amounts to about £16,000 per annum. For the last two years the Parish has not met its costs and the accounts show a deficit. Last year we overspent by £1,250. The shortfall has been 'borrowed' from our reserves set aside for church building maintenance. We cannot continue in this way and therefore need your help.

Many people already belong to our planned giving scheme and this raises 90% of our income. The other 10% comes from fundraising events. We are very grateful to all those who support us in both these ways. The regular income the planned giving scheme raises, shares the financial burden throughout our church community, and all can give according to their means. However, in order to ease our monetary situation we need more people to make the commitment to give in this way, or to increase the value of their present level of giving.

Planned giving also allows us to claim cash benefits from the taxman. Tax paid from your taxed income can be redirected to

us, if you can give to the Parish via the Gift Aid scheme. This adds value to your gift. £100 given by you, for example, translates into £128 when we reclaim the tax. This is the basis of Gift Aid. Any donation, to the Parish, can be increased in value, by filling in the appropriate Gift Aid form. A supply of these is in each Church, in the small brown envelopes, kept on the table by the door.

Think about the amount you put in the collection plate over the course of a year. Could this be paid via a bankers order or in cash via our envelope scheme? In either case by filling in a Gift Aid form your donation increases in value. We are including this plea in the magazine to ask for more people to join the Gift Aid scheme, whether you attend services or not. Until our finances are on a firmer footing, our plans to increase our work in the Parish are constrained. Please consider joining in the scheme to ensure the future of our Churches and our work in this Parish. We have achieved a lot in the past couple of years. Please help us to continue this way.

So what does the Church do in the Parish here, is something you are entitled to ask. We have two Churches here and most Sundays, there is at least one service, taking place in either of the Churches. Often there is a choice of service to attend. However the work of the church continues into the week with services at the residential homes, visits to the sick, help and support at the time of a family bereavement and preparation sessions for confirmation, baptism or weddings. Paul also plays a part in the life of the School. The church is there for everyone in our villages and we would 'love you to need us more'.

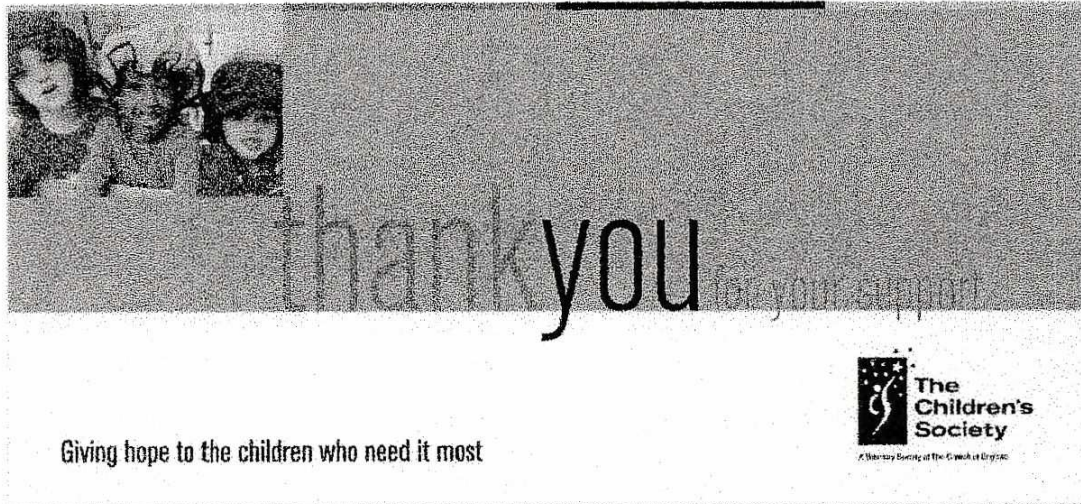
With a secure regular income we can plan for the future and fund initiatives such as more work with children and young people- building the church of the future. Your Churchwardens and the Gift Aid Officer have all the appropriate forms and their contact details are in the back of this magazine. Please tell them you are interested in joining the scheme and ask them for any further information on this matter.

L.D., A.N., D.L., P.P.-Churchwardens, Patricxbourne and Bridge

Easter Flowers at Bridge

Floral decorations in St. Peter's Bridge, will as usual, be centred around lillies at the alter. Donations for the flowers can be made to Rosy Green this year, or Viv Brasier. The approximate cost of a lily will be £2.50 each. Thank you.

Viv Brasier



The Children's Society Home and Shop Boxes

The contents of 35 boxes held in Bridge which were emptied during February and early March raised the splendid total of £537.95 (mostly from small change!) for this Charity. Also taxpayers who have signed Gift Aid declarations enable the society to claim a further benefit on their contributions.

Thank you to all who made this result possible. Boxes are normally emptied annually, by the end of March, and Kathy Eynon, 19 Bridgedown, (Tel 830466) can supply one if anyone else would like to participate in this painless way of pence becoming pounds, to help a good cause.

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17 members were present at the March 2003 meeting held at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne, when Doug Fenn, was in the Chair. He welcomed to the meeting 6 members of Staple Branch and he also welcomed back Jim Mount following recent illness. Correspondence and Finance matters were dealt with and Tony Bevan, the Welfare Officer, gave his report on cases in hand.

The WWI Talk by Tony Swift and our Curry Night, both at the Hay Wain, Bramling were enjoyed by all those who attended these events. It is proposed that the Branch will hold the July Group 4 meeting at the Hay Wain, when the Branch will be host.

Mr Sear, Chairman of Staple Branch, gave an outline of activities within his Branch. It was suggested that the two Branches might hold a Games Night and possibly a Quiz Night against each other. Staple is also proposing to run a coach trip to La Coupole at St Omer in France in July and have invited us to join them. This was originally a bunker built between 1943 and 1944 to launch V2 rockets, and is now a very interesting museum and historic monument. Any member of our Branch (or friend of the Branch) interested in going can contact either the Staple Chairman on 01304 812549 or our Branch Secretary on 01227 472023 for more information.

All our monthly meetings are now held at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne at 8pm. The next two Branch meetings are on Tuesdays, 8th April and 13th May 2003.

Bekesbourne Flower & Cleaning Rota

5th April Cleaning only Wendy Woods

12th April Cleaning only Pat Nicholls

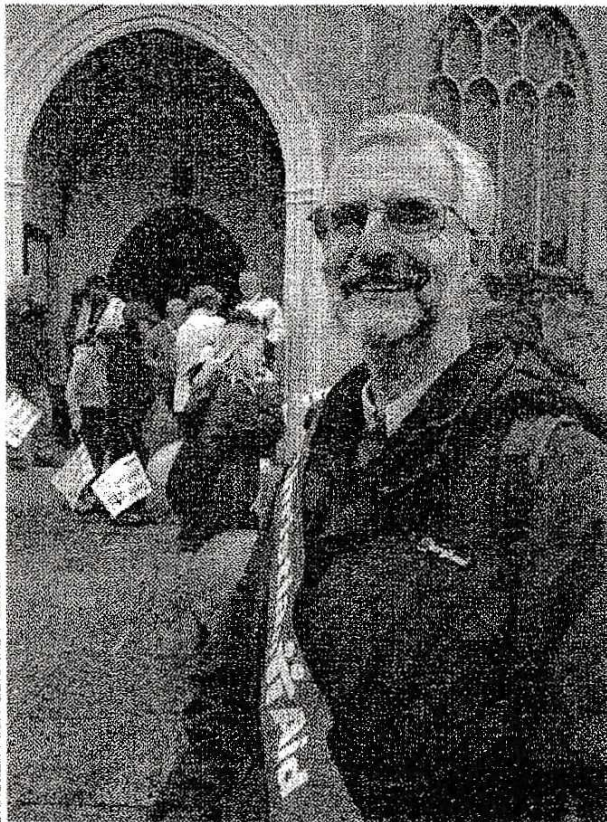
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Blankets will be furnished for those who think the church is too cold and fans for those who say it is too hot.

Scorecards will be available for those who wish to list the hypocrites present.

Relatives and friends will be in attendance for those who can't go to church and cook dinner too.

We will distribute "Stamp Out Stewardship" buttons for those who feel that the church is always asking for money.

One section will be devoted to trees and grass for those who like to seek God in nature.

Doctors and Nurses will be in attendance for those who plan to be sick -on Sunday.

The sanctuary will be decorated with both Christmas poinsettias and Easter lilies for those who never have seen the church without them.

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With thanks to Keith Beck who originally submitted the above to "The Messenger", the Temple Methodist Parish Magazine, Taunton.



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NOTES FROM THE MARCH MEETING OF BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

CLIC 4 BRIDGE

It was reported CLIC 4 Bridge is currently on hold following the break in at the school and the theft of the laptops.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Cllr Anderson reported that he has booked Ian McKenzie (Refuse and Waste Minimisation Officer for KCC) to speak at the Annual Parish Meeting, as unfortunately Nick Shirley will be away on business.

TRIANGLE YOUTH AWARDS

It was **AGREED** that any local people who would like an application form for the Try Angle Youth Awards should contact the clerk on 01227 831085.

LITTLE STOUR AND RIVER MANAGEMENT GROUP

Cllr Monk reported that Southern Water has been emptying sewerage into the river at Bishopsbourne.

ELECTIONS

Election notices are due to go up 17th March 2003. Nomination papers are available from the clerk and Colin Carmichael at Canterbury City Council.

SERCO

SERCO have issued the following Freephone number to report problems and defects to use from 1st April 2003.

0800 031 9091

COUNCIL FOR THE PROTECTION OF RURAL ENGLAND

New members are needed for Canterbury branch meetings of CPRE. If you are interested phone 01304 840310 for information of the next meeting.

Planning applications received: The following planning applications have been received and are under consideration:

CA/03/00210/BRI- erection of dwelling with associated parking on land adjacent to The Willows, Patricxbourne Road, Bridge

CA/03/00262/BRI-single storey extension to rear of dwelling- 49, Union Road, Bridge.

CA/03/00275/BRI- single storey rear extension to dwelling- 36, Western Avenue Bridge.

Planning applications granted: The following planning application has been notified as granted:

CAM03/00001/BRI - installation of 15 metres high telecommunications monopole with 3 antennas, two dishes and associated equipment cabinet at Renville farm, New Dover Road, High Street, Bridge.

Notices of proposed works to trees in a conservation area: the following notices of proposed work have been received:

Fell one large leylandii tree from left hand side of front garden, as it is overshadowing the adjacent quince at 100 High Street Bridge.

Work for which a tree preservation order is not being served is as follows:
Cut back the ash in rear garden at 5, Bridgeford Way to previous cutting points.

Reduce the crown of one beech tree by 30% and two whitebeam trees by 20% in the rear garden and reduce crown of one whitebeam by up to 20% in the front garden of Silver leaves, Bridge Hill

Priest-in-Charge: Revd Paul Filmer, The Vicarage, 23 High Street, Bridge (830250)

Lay Reader: Mrs. Margaret Clarke. (Tel 765598)

PATRIXBOURNE WITH BRIDGE

Churchwardens Dr. AM Nicholson, Riverside Cottage, Patrixbourne (830947)

Mrs P Pritchard, 2 St Mary's Rd, Patrixbourne (830685)

Mr L H Dunderdale, 37 High St, Bridge (830668)

Mr D Latham, 16 Riverside Close, Bridge.

PCC Secretary Mrs A Williamson, Beechmount, Conyngnam Lane, Bridge (830399)

PCC Treasurer Mr L Andrews, 120 New Dover Road, Canterbury

Gift Aid Officer Mrs J Latham, 16 Riverside Close, Bridge.

Choirmaster & Organist

Organist (Patrixbourne) Mrs RM Stacey, Joslet, Keepers Hill, Patrixbourne (830205)

BEKESBOURNE

Churchwardens Mrs J Gillanders, Cala, Aerodrome Rd, Bekesbourne

Mr J Cowans, Distant View, Adisham Rd, Bekesbourne (831029)

PCC Secretary Mrs J Millyard, 10 De Havillands, Bekesbourne (830256)

PCC Treasurer Mrs Zan Clifford, Oakleigh Lodge, Bekesbourne (830328)

Organist Mrs RM Stacey, Joslet, Keepers Hill, Patrixbourne (830205)

Captain of the Ringers Mrs Gill Moon, The Haven, Aerodrome Rd, Bekesbourne (832134)

On The Nail Advertising- Mr HPM Lawrence, 21 Windmill Close, Bridge (830472)

Items for *On The Nail* should reach Laurence Dunderdale by the 15th of the preceding month.

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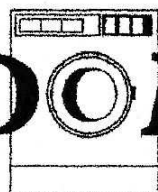
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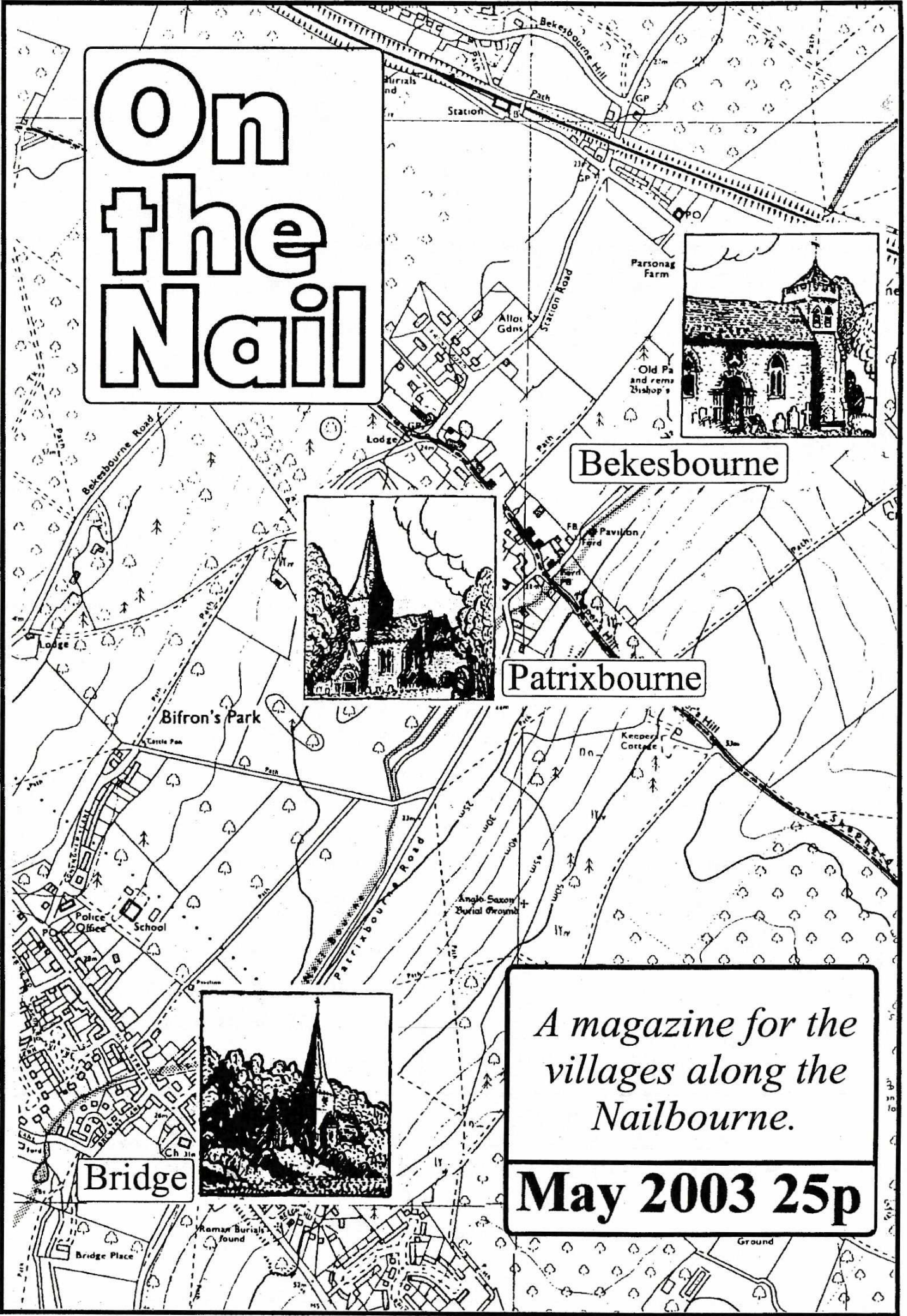
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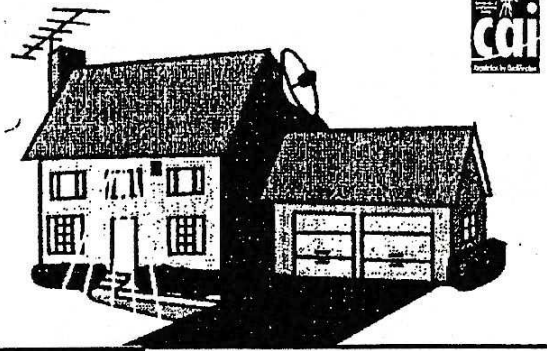


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|---|---|---|---|--|---|--|
| Sun 4th Easter 3 | | 11.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer | 9.30 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer | 8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer | 10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel | OT: Zep 3. 14-end NT: Acts 3. 12-19 G: Luke 24. 36b-48 |
| Sun 11th Easter 4 Vacation Sunday | 9.30 am Holy Communion Canon A Duke | 6.00 pm Evensong Mrs M Clarke Rev P Filmer | 11.00am Family Service Rev P Filmer | 10.00 am Mattins Chris Maclean | 8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer | OT: Gen 7. 1-5, 11-18 NT: Acts 4. 5-12 G: John 10. 11-18 |
| Sun 18th Easter 5 | 8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer | 10.00 am Family Service Mrs M Clarke | 10.00 am Holy Communion Canon G Manley | | 10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer | OT: Gen 22. 1-18 NT: Acts 8. 26-40 G: John 15. 1-8 |
| Sun 25th Easter 6 | 9.30 am Holy Communion Canon R Diss | | 8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer 6.00 pm Evensong Rev P Filmer Mrs M Clarke | 10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer 4.00 pm Family Service Martin Legatt | | OT: Isa 55. 1-11 NT: Acts 10. 44-48 G: John 15. 9-17 |
| Thurs 29th Ascension Day | 7.00 pm Holy Communion Rev P Filmer | | | | | OT: Daniel 7. 9-14 NT: Acts 1. 1-11 G: Luke 24. 44-end |
| Sun 1st June Easter 7 | | 11.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer | 9.30 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer | 8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer | 10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel 6.00 pm Evensong Rev P Filmer Ven P Evars | OT: Ez 36. 24-28 NT: Acts 1. 15-17, 21-26 G: John 17. 6-19 |

Officiating Ministers liable to last minute changes

Diary for May 2003

- 1st Health and Healing, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge, 7pm
6th Holy Communion, The New Close, Bridge, 2.30pm
After Eights, Fairview, Bekesbourne, 8pm
7th Fish Scheme Cornelia Slawin Blossom Tour
10th Book and Puzzle Fair, Bridge Village Hall, 10am-2pm
in aid of Church funds, contact Andrea Nicholson (830947)
or Pat Dunderdale (830668)
Deanery Confirmation Service, Nonington, 7pm
12th Caring and Sharing, The Vicarage, 7.30pm
13th Holy Communion, Churchill House, 2pm
After Eights, The Vicarage, 8pm
14th Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-in, Village Hall 10am-11.15am
Ears and Beers, Plough and Harrow, 6pm
17th Fish Scheme Annual Bring and Buy, Village Hall 10am
Junior Choir Practice, Lower Hardres Church 10.15am
20th Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge, 2.30pm
After Eights, Fairview, Bekesbourne, 8pm
Women's Institute, Bridge Village Hall, 7.30pm
21st Caring and Sharing visit to Eastbridge Hosital
25th Annual Rogation Walk, Bekesbourne
27th Holy Communion, Highfield House, 2.30pm

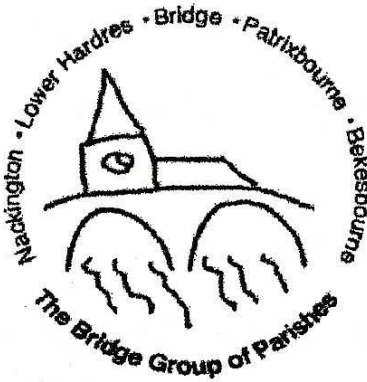
Forthcoming events

Patruxbourne with Bridge

- 7th June Treasure Hunt (In aid of Church funds) Bridge Village Hall
from 4.30pm. For more details contact Pat Dunderdale
(830668) or Andrea Nicholson (830947)
21st June Bridge Village Fete 12 noon - 4pm
12th July Sing Along Tea Party
20th July Benefice BBQ

Bekesbourne

- 5th July Annual Boot Fair
26th Sept 'Bekesbourne in War and Peace' Talk
8th Nov Autumn Dance



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The Price of Peace

Hindsight is a great thing. When looking back at a situation we can always see how it could have been done better, and we can quickly become critical of other people and the decisions they made - "why didn't you do that? It would have been better you know!" Crystal balls, on the other hand, are much less reliable. None of us can see very far into the future, and the best laid plans can quickly go pear-shaped.

Take Iraq for example. Who could have foreseen with confidence that the war would be over in a matter of weeks? (If it isn't, that goes to prove my point, as I wrote this in mid April when the war was 'nearly' over.) Obviously, with hindsight, no-one planned for the widespread looting that took place in each city following the arrival of coalition forces there. Peace in Iraq has not been achieved simply by removing Saddam Hussein. 25 years of mind control means that people have forgotten how to think for themselves. There can be no logical reason for residents of Baghdad to loot their local hospital, ripping out heart monitors and baby incubators. Peace in Iraq will be a complicated and long term issue.

We tend to oversimplify things in our own lives too. We convince ourselves that short term solutions will solve our troubles. Ignore an unpleasant issue and it will go away - only it doesn't. It just sits there quietly, waiting to ambush you when you least expect it. I have written before about our new culture of litigation, where financial compensation is seen as the answer to all sorts of problems. Luckily for us, God takes a much wider and deeper view of our situation than we do. His perspective is eternal, you can't get more long term than that. His understanding of human needs, unlike ours, is comprehensive - he sees the big picture. The long term solution to our problems, personal, national or international, does not rest with the bullet or cheque book, but with the death of his Son Jesus on the cross. That was the ultimate sacrifice, which paid the price for true and lasting peace, if only we would believe it.

May the peace of the risen Christ be upon you and those you love.

Paul

Your Parish Matters

Marriage

12/04 Bridge Raymond Ellis & Jacqueline Roswell

Funeral

07/04 Patricxbourne Beryl D. Bandy

08/04 Barham (Bridge) Lilian R.L. Harrisson

- **Good Friday Workshop.** A big thank you from Margaret Clarke to all the children who took part in this year's workshop. We had a great time, making puppets, painting crosses and writing prayers. Afterwards, many of us went on the Bridge Church to take part in a special Good Friday service, performing a play of the Easter story with our puppets. Thanks also to the adult helpers who ensured that the morning was enjoyable for all.
- **Smartie Collections** For the past two years, at Christmas, Easter & Harvest, we have issued children with tubes of smarties to encourage them to save their loose change for charity. Although we have raised a lot of money, less than half the tubes are returned each time, so we are changing the rules slightly. From now on, if you would like to participate, simply buy some smarties, eat them, save some cash in the tube, and bring it to church where we will swap it for a new tube of smarties. The Christmas collection is always for The Children's Society, Easter tubes go to a nominated UK charity and Harvest tubes go to a nominated international charity. (Adults can join in as well! All money received in tubes will be passed on to the nominated charity.)
- **Have you got a digital camera?** If so, and you would be interested in joining a new local club for digital photography, I would like to hear from you. Plans are in the early stages, but I am thinking of monthly meetings to share ideas, run themed competitions, look at equipment, run practical workshops on photographic techniques and editing software, and learn from the professionals (eg achieving studio lighting with available domestic lighting equipment). Contact Paul Filmer (01227 830250 / revpfilmer@btinternet.com) to register your interest.

Bridge Methodist Church

May 4th Mr Ron Chadwick MA. DMS
May 11th Mr John Ellis
May 18th Rev. David Marshall
May 25th Rev. Donald Lugg

Health and Healing Concerns

The prayer group will meet on Thursday 1st May at 7pm, at 7 Windmill Close.

My grateful thanks to John and Muriel Packer for having the meeting transferred to their home at the last moment in April.

The prayer group is very special to so many people and I was grateful to be at the receiving end of their prayers and support during the past few weeks.

So please ring me, with your requests or better still, join us in person. You know you will be very welcome.

Kath Pierce
830844

FISH (Neighbourly help) NEWS

Three diary dates this month:-

The Cornelia Slawin Blossom Tour is on Wednesday May 7th.

The Coffee Pop-In is on Wednesday May 14th and the Annual Bring and Buy will be on Saturday May 17th.

Please bring and buy cakes, pies, plants and bric-a-brac.

This is our only fund -raising event.

We need more knitting wool. If you have any left-overs please either bring them to the Pop-In or telephone Rosy Green on 830204.

Thank you.

Bekesbourne Altar Frontals - an update

An article in last month's *On the Nail* described the new altar frontals that have been ordered for St Peters. We still do not have any funding for the matching burses and veils (at £70 each set) but can continue to use our old ones. However, we have decided to go ahead and include four matching stoles, to be worn by clergy celebrating at a communion service. Bekesbourne does not at present possess any usable vestments and we thought these would be a useful addition and would be easy to store.

Each of the four stoles will cost £45 if we order them now; a later order when fabric has to be specially ordered would increase the cost to £60 each. We already have offers to pay for two of the stoles and the Friends of Bekesbourne Church have agreed to underwrite the cost of the others if necessary. If anyone would like to contribute or to pay for a complete stole, would they please contact me or either of the Bekesbourne churchwardens.

Jane Millyard

A COUNTRY PARISH

On March 25th the BBC showed a programme about a new priest in Wiltshire visiting his parishioners to ask for more money to maintain the ministry of the church in his area. The same scenario can be witnessed in thousands of parishes across the country. These rising costs affect us here in **Bekesbourne** in just the same way.

The PCC is of course very grateful to the Friends of Bekesbourne Church who work hard to raise funds for the fabric i.e. 'bricks and mortar', furnishings, churchyard etc. However the day to day running expenses still have to be met by voluntary giving. In addition to collections, every parishioner should consider contributing by a planned approach using either the envelope scheme or a standing order. Both methods can take advantage of the Gift Aid Scheme which then allows the church to claim more money from the Inland Revenue. Please do not hesitate to contact me or any member of the PCC for more details.

Jonathan Cowans

Churchwarden

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Bekesbourne Flower and Cleaning Rota

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|----------|--------------------------|
| 3rd May | Jane Mason/Jane Millyard |
| 10th May | Jane Millyard |
| 17th May | Jill Thomas |
| 24th May | - |
| 31st May | Rosie Mount |
| 7th June | Rosie Mount |

The Bridge Group of Parishes

Caring and Sharing Programme to July

12th May Euthanasia, Bridge Vicarage

21st May (Wednesday) Eastbridge Hospital Visit

2nd June Coffee and Chat, 20 Lanfranc Gardens

9th June Cloning, 8 Green Court

16th June Coffee and Chat, 8 Riverside Close

23rd June Fish and Chips. Seafront or 8 Kitchener Close,
Barham

30th June Coffee and Chat, 37 High Street

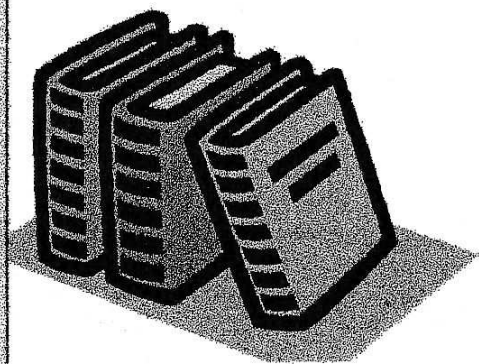
7th July Can you be a Christian without going to Church?
20 Riverside Close

14th July Coffee and Chat, The Purlins, Meadow Close

21st July BBQ, 8 Conyngham Lane,

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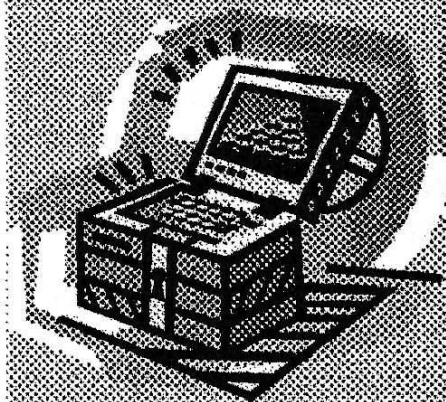
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Bridge History Society

Our meeting on 11 March was held the School Hall. This was the first of our events to be held in this new location, and it will probably be our 'home base' during the next season. The hall offers more space for our meetings and the facilities offered should afford our audiences more comfort. The talk itself was to be about the Star Hill Dig carried out at the site above Bourne House but was not quite as focused as we should have liked. Our Antiques Valuation afternoon was a great success, and a good number of members brought their objects for appraisal, as well as enjoying a small exhibition in the Village Hall. On 10 May, a number of members will be attending the Kent History Federation Conference at Cranbrook. Also in May, Lady Tadgell of Bourne House has once again kindly agreed for a further group to have a tour of her wonderful home. Anyone who would like to know more about the Society and its events should telephone our Chairman, John Bishop (832596) or our Programme Secretary, David Gilmour (832450).

Meriel Connor

MOVE YOUR GLASS!

Following a point raised at the Annual Parish Meeting we felt (under the umbrella of the Fish Scheme) we'd like to offer to help **anyone who is unable to get up the hill** to put *glass* in the recycling containers. If you need assistance please ring one of us when you have saved enough - in bags or boxes.

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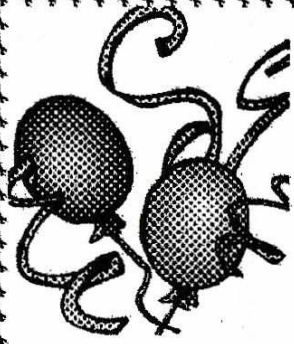
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Vision aid Overseas

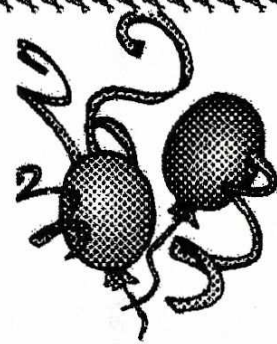
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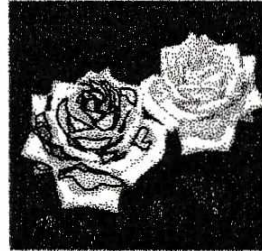
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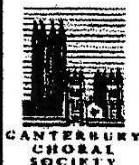
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Saturday 21st June 2003 7.30 pm
Canterbury Cathedral**

This is the last concert of the 2002/3 season and Canterbury Choral Society have chosen to perform Verdi's Requiem at Canterbury Cathedral on Saturday 21st June at 7.30 p.m.

Verdi wrote his requiem in memory of the great Italian poet and novelist Alessandro Manzoni whom he greatly admired. Verdi was 60 at the time and the most important composer of opera in Italy. His announcement raised many expectations for a masterpiece of religious music. Verdi had already written "Liberate me" which was to have been used, together with contributions from other important composers, for an anniversary Mass for the great composer Rossini. The Mass never took place but the director of the Milan Conservatory discovered the piece written by Verdi and praised it highly. This persuaded Verdi to write his Requiem in 1873.

Verdi is probably the most famous Italian composer with three of his works *Rigoletto*, *Il trovatore* and *La traviata* being performed in all the major opera houses of the world. Verdi has always shown an extraordinary range in his composition and there is no doubt that the Requiem has something of the operatic in it, but the dramatic touch only strengthens its power.

Verdi's Requiem has great depth and sincerity, is uplifting and triumphant, as well as intimate and intense. The eight trumpets which evoke the Day of Judgement will make a spectacular impact in the setting of Canterbury Cathedral.

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Maidstone Symphony Orchestra.

Conductor, Brian Wright, will perform on Saturday 17th May 2003 commencing at 7.30pm at :Mote Hall Maidstone Leisure Centre, Mote Park, Maidstone. The programme consists of three works - Mozart - Overture, Don Giovanni : Mozart - Clarinet Concerto - Soloist Emma Johnson and Mahler

Symphony No. 1. (Titan).

Tickets £16, £12. £8. all seats for children or students with a students card £3 available from the Membership Secretaries on 01622 736392, paid for and collected on the concert evening at Mote Hall, or from ~Maidstone Leisure Centre 01622 761111 when payment can be made by credit card.

This concert is sponsored by The Potted Garden Nursery.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION
LITTLEBOURNE & DISTRICT BRANCH

14 members were present at the March 2003 meeting held at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne, when Doug Fenn, was in the Chair. Good wishes went to Maurice Stephens who is in hospital and to Peter Murton. Correspondence and finance matters were dealt with.

We will be holding a Games Evening with Staple Branch at Littlebourne on Tues, 8th July, which is our Branch meeting night. Any member wishing to take part in darts, dominoes, crib or snooker (or just to come and have a drink and watch) will be very welcome.

As mentioned last month, Staple Branch is proposing to run a coach trip to La Coupole at St Omer in France in (now expected to be June - not July) and have invited us to join them. This was used to launch V2 rockets, and is now a museum. Anyone interested can contact the Staple Chairman on 01304 812549 or our Secretary on 01227 472023.

The next two Branch meetings are on Tuesdays, 13th May and 10th June 2003, both at 8pm.

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For further details telephone Dennis (01227 831498) or Brian (01227 462430) or click on <http://uk.geocities.com/barhambowls/>

NOTES FROM THE APRIL MEETING OF BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

ALLOTMENTS

It is anticipated that the clearance of the allotments will start in the next few weeks.

VILLAGE POSTMAN

Cllr Walder reported that the much loved postman in Bridge, Richard Dorkins, has resigned to join the police force.

FOOTBRIDGE OVER THE NAILBOURNE

It was reported that motor cycles have been speeding over the footbridge at Ford Close. It was suggested that concerned parishioners should contact Frank Sochacki, NHW coordinator for the Patricxbourne side of Bridge who has started to log any reports of antisocial behaviour on motorbikes or mopeds.

Planning applications received: The following planning applications have been received and are under consideration:

CA/03/00324/BRI- single storey extension to dwelling and alterations to roof including installation of raised roof-light and chimney stack at Willows, Patricxbourne Road, Bridge

CA/03/00300/BRI (revised scheme) Church Cottage, 104 High Street Bridge

CAL03/00030/BRI- two storey extension to rear dwelling (revised scheme) 38 High Street Bridge.

Planning applications granted: The following planning application has been notified as granted:

CA/03/00262/BRI- single storey extension to rear of dwelling at 49 Union Road Bridge

Notices of proposed works to trees in a conservation area: the following notices of proposed work have been received:

22 High Street Bridge- fell one middle Norway spruce to rear of house, cut back multi stemmed laburnum on rear LH boundary to one main stem, coppice Cob nut near rear boundary, cut back yew tree from rear of house and reduce crown by up to 10%

The Allotments Town Hill Bridge- fell all trees to enable reintroduction of allotments to this site.

Priest-in-Charge: Revd Paul Filmer, The Vicarage, 23 High Street, Bridge (830250)
Lay Reader: Mrs. Margaret Clarke. (Tel 765598)

PATRIXBOURNE WITH BRIDGE

Churchwardens Dr. AM Nicholson, Riverside Cottage, Patrixbourne (830947)
Mrs P Pritchard, 2 St Mary's Rd, Patrixbourne (830685)
Mr L H Dunderdale, 37 High St, Bridge (830668)
Mr D Latham, 16 Riverside Close, Bridge.

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Gift Aid Officer Mrs J Latham, 16 Riverside Close, Bridge.

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Organist (Patrixbourne) Mrs RM Stacey, Joslet, Keepers Hill, Patrixbourne (830205)

BEKESBOURNE

Churchwardens Mrs J Gillanders, Cala, Aerodrome Rd, Bekesbourne
Mr J Cowans, Distant View, Adisham Rd, Bekesbourne (831029)

PCC Secretary Mrs J Millyard, 10 De Havillands, Bekesbourne (830256)

PCC Treasurer Mrs Zan Clifford, Oakleigh Lodge, Bekesbourne (830328)

Organist Mrs RM Stacey, Joslet, Keepers Hill, Patrixbourne (830205)

Captain of the Ringers Mrs Gill Moon, The Haven, Aerodrome Rd, Bekesbourne (832134)

On The Nail Advertising- Mr HPM Lawrence, 21 Windmill Close, Bridge (830472)

Items for *On The Nail* should reach Laurence Dunderdale by the 15th of the preceding month.

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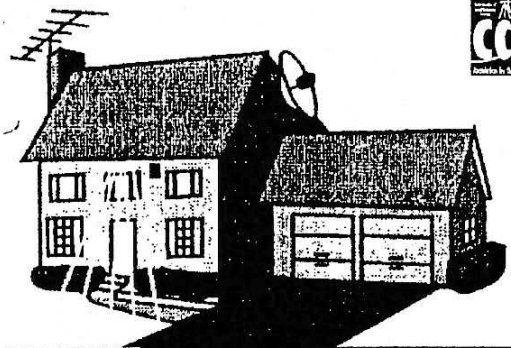
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| Year B | Nackington | Lower Hardres | Bridge | Patricxbourne | Bekesbourne | Readings |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|--|
| Sun 1st June Easter 7 | | 11.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer | 9.30 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer | 8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer | 10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel 6pm Evensong Rev P Filmer Ven P Evans | OT: Ez 36. 24-28 NT: Acts 1. 15-17, 21-26 G: John 17. 6-19 |
| Sun 8th Pentecost | 9.30 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer | 6.00 pm Evensong Rev P Filmer Mrs M Clarke | 11.00am Family Service Rev P Filmer | 10.00 am Martins Chris Maclean | 8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer | OT: Ez 37. 1-14 NT: Acts 2/ 1-21 G: John 15. 26-end |
| Sun 15th Trinity Sunday | 8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer | 10.00 am Family Service Mrs M Clarke | 10.00 am Holy Communion Canon G Manley | | 10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer | OT: Isa 6. 1-8 NT: Rom 8. 12-17 G: John 3. 1-17 |
| Sun 22nd 1st after Trinity | 9.30 am Holy Communion Canon R Diss | | 8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer Phr J-D Dohling 6.00 pm Evensong Rev P Filmer Phr H Hentschel | 10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer Phr H Hentschel 2.00 - 5.00 pm BBQ & Family Service Rev P Filmer | | OT: 1 Sam 17. 32-49 NT: 2 Cor 6. 1-13 G: Mark 4. 35-41 |
| Sun 29th 2nd after Trinity | | 10.00 am Benefice Holy Communion Rev P Filmer | | | | OT: Zech 4.1-6a,10b-end NT: Acts 12. 1-11 G: Mat 16. 13-19 |
| Sun 6th July 3rd after Trinity | | 11.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer | 9.30 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer | 8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer | 10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel | OT: 2 Sam 5. 1-5, 9-10 NT: 2 Cor 12. 2-10 G: Mark 6. 1-13 |

Officiating Ministers liable to last minute changes

Diary for June 2003

- 2nd Caring and Sharing, 20 Lanfranc Gardens, Harbledown, 7.30pm
3rd Holy Communion, The New Close, Bridge, 2.30pm
After Eights, Fairview, Bekesbourne, 8pm
4th Ears and Beers, Plough & Harrow, Bridge, 6pm
5th Health and Healing, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge, 7pm
7th Woodpeckers Spring Fayre, Bridge School, 11.30pm
9th Caring and Sharing, 8 Green Court, Bridge, 7.30pm
10th Holy Communion, Churchill House, Bridge, 2.30pm
Patricxbourne with Bridge PCC Meeting, Patricxbourne
Church, 7.30pm
After Eights, Bridge, 8pm
11th Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-in, Bridge Village Hall, 10-11.15am
Bekesbourne PCC Meeting, 10 De Havilands, 7.30pm
14th Junior Choir Practice, Lower Hardres Church, 10.15am
16th Caring and Sharing, 8 Riverside Close, Bridge, 7.30pm
17th Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge, Bridge, 2.30pm
Women's Institute outing to Belmont House
After Eights, Fairview, Bekesbourne, 8pm
18th Lower Hardres & Nackington PCC Meeting, John Baker-
White Hall, 7.30pm
21st Bridge Village Fete, Bridge School 12 noon - 4pm
23rd Bridge School Service at St Peter's, Bridge 9.30am
Caring and Sharing, 8 Kitchener Close, Barham, 7.30pm
24th Bridge School Service at St Peter's, Bridge 9.30am
Holy Communion, Highfield House, Bekesbourne 2.30pm
30th Caring and Sharing, 37 High Street, Bridge, 7.30pm

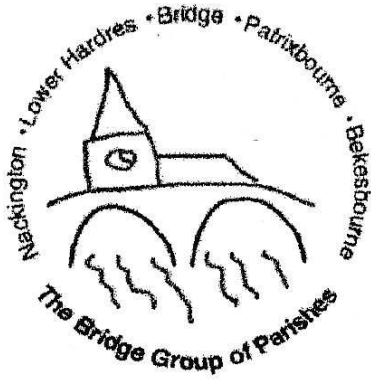
Forthcoming Events

Patricxbourne with Bridge

- 12th July Sing Along Tea Party
20th July Benefice BBQ

Bekesbourne

- 5th July Boot Fair, Parsonage Farm, 9am
26th Sept Bekesbourne Aerodrome in War & Peace-Talk/Slide Show
8th Nov Autumn Dance, Bekesbourne Village Hall
29th Nov Christmas Bazaar, Bekesbourne Village Hall 10am



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Team Work

This Sunday (as I am writing this, not as you are reading it) was designated as 'Vocation Sunday'. Basically the Church of England is facing up to the fact that the local parish cannot, and should not, be a one man show. This does not mean that hooded press gangs will take to the village streets, ready to ordain anything that moves, but that we should all spend some time asking ourselves what we can offer to do for the benefit of the church and wider community.

There has always been an army of willing volunteers working behind the scenes in church life - including those who keep the buildings maintained and presentable and others who offer practical care by visiting the sick and housebound. What is changing is that the ministry of the church, previously the duty & property of the paid vicar, can now be shared amongst a team who will probably be unpaid, part time volunteers. Our parishes have already started down this road, with Margaret Clarke as *Focal Minister* for Lower Hardres and Nackington, and Chris Maclean and Pat Kusel studying this year to become *Authorised Lay Ministers*.

The next step, which we are currently exploring, will be the creation of a *Ministry Leadership Team* to oversee the planning and delivery of pastoral care across the parishes. But it doesn't stop there, because the leadership team will not be the only ones ministering. Their job will be to inspire and encourage everyone to exercise their own ministry of pastoral concern for each other - family, friends, neighbours and colleagues. In this way we fulfil Christ's command to love our neighbour as ourselves.

One way for the team to work together is by the sharing of this monthly letter, traditionally the vicar's slot, and so Margaret, Chris and Pat will join me in contributing to the magazine from time to time. I hope you enjoy and value their ministry as much as I do.

May the peace of the risen Christ be upon you and those you love.

Paul

Your Parish Matters

Baptism

11/05 Bridge Benjamin James Shirley

Marriage

10/05 Lower Hardres David Mullett & Donna Punyer

Funeral

29/04 Barham (L Hardres) Jean E G Hambrook

- **Patricbourne Family Service** The German children that our confirmation group visited in February will make a return trip in June and will join them in leading the service on Sunday 22nd June. Weather permitting, we will hold a barbecue in the churchyard at 2pm (bring drinks, cutlery & crockery; bring & share your meat; salad & bread provided), followed by the family service at 4pm. Everyone welcome.
- **Email addresses** My address book is full of postal addresses and phone numbers - but hardly any email addresses. Please help to bring the vicarage up to date by dropping me a line at revpfilmer@btinternet.com.
- **Church website** Our church website has been 'hit' over 400 times since its launch 6 months ago. Don't forget to use it (www.bridgechurch.co.uk) for service times, prayer requests and photos of recent events amongst other things. (Ideas for new pages always welcome).

Bridge Methodist Church

June 1st Mr Peter Burt

June 8th Rev. David Marshall

June 15th Mr Reg Ward

June 16th (Monday) Anniversary Evening Service at 7.30pm

Led by Rev. David Marshall

All are welcome. Refreshments to follow.

June 22nd Mr Michael Baybutt B.Sc.DMS.C.Eng

June 29th Rev. Donald Lugg

July 6th Re. Barbara Heather

Health and Healing Concerns

The prayer group will meet on Thursday 5th June at 7pm at 7 Windmill close.

Once again my grateful thanks to John and Muriel Packer for hosting the May meeting, as I was still in hospital. I was very grateful for prayers and support during the past month. The prayer group is very special to so many people (here and abroad!) in giving support, sympathy and understanding. No-one need feel alone in their troubles. so please, ring me with your requests, or better still, join us in person and find for yourself, the loving and caring and spiritual support to be found there.

Kath Pierce

830844

Fish Scheme (Neighbourly Help) News

Thanks go to everybody who helped with the annual fund-raising Coffee Morning in May.

The next Coffee Pop-in at Bridge Village Hall will take place on Wednesday, June 11th. Everyone is welcome.

W.I.

An outing to Belmont House on Tuesday 17th June will replace the usual monthly meeting.

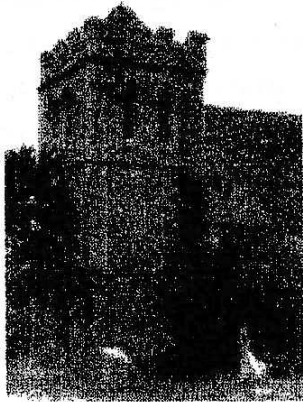
RNLI House-to-House Collection

My thanks to all collectors and all those who contributed so generously, to raise £476-73 in the village, for the lifeboats.

The overall collection for Canterbury and district was £9,402 - a magnificent result - and an increase of over £1000 from last year.

Joan Hill

Village Co-ordinator



**St Peter's Church
Bekesbourne**

Evensong

6.00 pm

Sunday 1 June 2003

Preacher

The Ven Patrick Evans, Archdeacon of Canterbury

At this service new altar frontals bought
with recent donations will be dedicated

THE FRIENDS OF BEKESBOURNE CHURCH

First, belated thanks to all those who turned up for our Churchyard Working Party in April, when a super job was done by all involved and left the Churchyard neat and tidy - at least for the present! No doubt we'll be having another session before long.

This year there are changes to our Committee. Jenifer and Brian Skinner are standing down as members of the Committee, and the role of Chairman has been taken on by Gill Moon. Zan Clifford is now Treasurer of the PCC and has handed on her job as Friends' Treasurer to Romany Cowans, but will still remain on the Committee.

Our annual Rogationtide Walk takes place after this goes to press, but we hope for good weather and lots of participants.

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on

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Bridge History Society

In April, a group of members, under the leadership of John Bishop, went to Woolwich Arsenal, where an expert guide conducted a tour of the arsenal's exhibition of guns, the gunpowder store and the first officers' training academy the forerunner of Sandhurst. An audio-visual presentation proved to be most interesting. During the visit members were able to follow the new landscaped walk along the river to the new pier with views of the Thames Barrier. It is proposed that river buses will run from this pier up to Westminster in the future. On 21 June, we have planned a summer evening in Deal, with a tour of the Maritime and Lifeboat museums and a guided visit round the historic streets of Deal. Anyone who would like further information concerning this tour, or about the Society in general, should contact David Gilmour (832450).

Meriel Connor

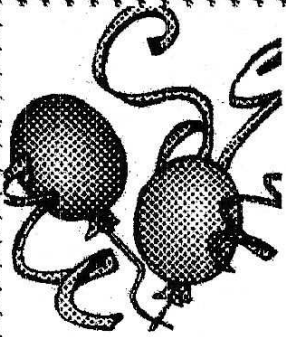
NAILBOURNE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY - EVENING OUTING

We have been fortunate in arranging a private visit to Godinton House (near Ashford) on Thursday evening, 26 June, especially to view the delphinium borders which should be at their best then.

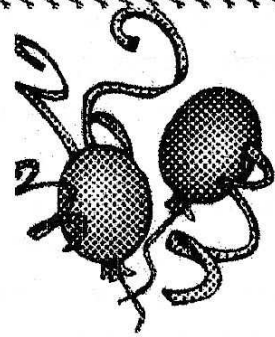
We will meet with cars in Green Court, Bridge, at 6.45 pm to sort out lifts and get directions as to how to get to Godinton House, which is about half an hour's drive away. If you like, you can bring a picnic with you to enjoy in the Italian Garden.

It would be helpful to know beforehand those who require help with transport to ensure that there are enough car drivers on the night. Please ring Kathy Walder on 830057 (evenings) the week before.

Finally, show schedules for the Summer Show on Saturday 26 July should be available to give out at the evening outing. Anyone requiring them who is unable to come on the 26th should contact Kathy Walder or any other member of the committee.



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In Memoriam: Laurence Shirley

Laurie's friends will be interested to learn that the Ryder-Chreshire Foundation for the relief of suffering, based in Brighton, has benefited to the tune of over two thousand pounds, donated in Church at his funeral or subsequently subscribed. The money is being sent on to "Raphael", the hospice at Dehra Dun in the Himalayas, which Laurie helped to build in the 1950's. It was then mainly for lepers, but has since also concentrated on the treatment of tuberculosis, within many miles of Dehra Dun. Should anyone like to see the photographs which have been sent to me of the Charity in action in India, please let me know (tel. 831810). I am aksed by the Foundation to thank all those who kindly subscribed.

Ann Shirley

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

LITTLEBOURNE & DISTRICT BRANCH

13 members were present at the May 2003 meeting held at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne, when Doug Fenn, was in the Chair. In the Silence the meeting remembered Maurice Stephens who passed away recently.

The Chairman welcomed new member Bernie Guyatt to the meeting.

Our thoughts are with Heather Leaves and Ernie Goodhew who are both in hospital following accidents, and to Nancie File who has had an operation. We hope they will soon be well again. Also good wishes go to Victor Gibbs and his wife.

At the Group 4 Quiz in April our team had an enjoyable evening, although our attempt did not win us the shield! The Branch is hosting the Group 4 meeting at the Hay Wain, Bramling which is on 14 July. The Branch also held a Quiz on 24 April at the Hay Wain which was supported by about 30 members and guests.

On the afternoon of 21 June we are holding a Strawberry Tea for members and their guests, also at the Hay Wain. Details can be obtained from the Secretary (01227 472023) or the Vice-Chairman (01227 721237). We hope to also have a Bring and Buy Stall at this event so any contributions will be welcome.

Can I just mention again the Games Evening with Staple Branch at Littlebourne on Tues, 8th July, which is our Branch meeting night. Any member wishing to take part in darts, dominoes, crib or snooker (or just to come and have a drink and watch) will be very welcome.

The next two Branch meetings are on Tuesdays, 10th, June and 8th July 2003, both at 8pm.

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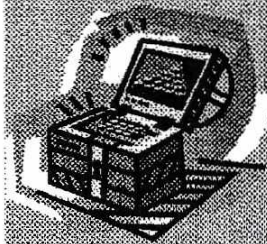
We have already helped communities to establish Local Nature Reserves at Jumping Downs near Barham, Tyler Hill and No Man's Orchard, and we are looking to work with other Parish Councils, Schools, Churches and any local community groups to give practical help and advice on conservation matters. We want to help local people learn about and enjoy their natural world. If you are a group in need of help and advice, contact Mary Lovick, Greenspace Officer at the Kentish Stour Countryside Project on 01233 813307 or mary.lovick@kent.gov.uk.

Also see our website at www.kentishstour.org.uk.

Patricbourne with Bridge PCC

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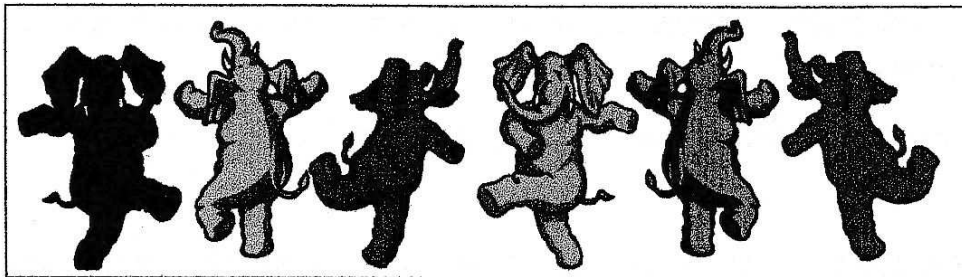
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Notes from Bridge Parish Council meeting held on 8th May 2003

ALLOTMENTS

If any local people are still interested in an allotment please contact Tina Burchell, the parish clerk on 01227 831085

ELECTION of CHAIRMAN

Cllr Esdale was appointed as the new Chairman to the Parish Council.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Cllr Hill was appointed as the new Vice Chairman to the Parish Council.

APPOINTMENT OF SUB COMMITTEES

The following councillors and local people were appointed to subcommittees:

- 1) Recreation Ground and Sports Sub Committee- Cllrs Beesty, Corfield and Gulvin
- 2) Streets, footways and lighting- Maurice Smith.
- 3) Environment- Joan Monk (to be confirmed), Cllrs Edmonds and Dobson
- 4) Planning- Cllrs Beinder, Corfield and Hill

APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

The following councillors were appointed as representatives to outside bodies:

- 1) Bridge Village Sports Trust- Cllr Gulvin
 - 2) Village Hall Management Committee- Cllrs Dobson and Beinder
 - 3) Mill Centre Management Committee- Cllrs Edmonds and Gulvin
 - 4) KAPC- Cllrs Beesty and Lewis
 - 5) KRCC- Cllrs Esdale and Dobson
- Nailbourne and Little Stour River Management Group- Cllr Gulvin

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- (a) **Planning applications received:** The following planning application has been received and is under consideration:
CA/03/00579/BRI- 1 Park View, Mill Lane- conservatory to rear of dwelling
- (b) **Planning applications granted:** The following planning applications have been notified as being granted:
CA/03/00275/BRI- 36 Western Avenue- single storey extension to rear dwelling
CA/03/00324/BRI- Willows, Patricxbourne road- single storey rear extension to dwelling and chimney stack
CAL03/00030/BRI- 38, High Street, Bridge- two storey extension to rear of dwelling (revised scheme)
- (c) **Applications rejected:** The following planning application has been notified as being rejected. CA/03/00300/BRI- 104, High Street Bridge- single storey rear extension to dwelling
- (d) **Notices of proposed works to trees in a conservation area:** the following notice of proposed work has been received:
12, Riverside Close- fell diseased apple tree in rear garden

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Mr D Latham, 16 Riverside Close, Bridge.

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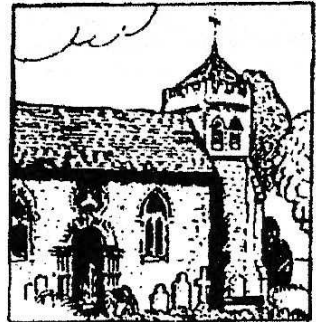
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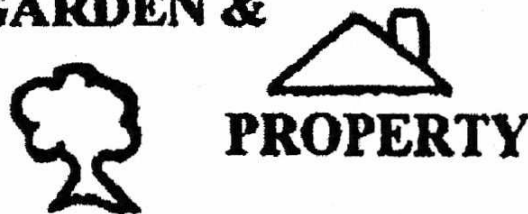
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| Sun 6th July 3 after Trinity | | 11.00 am Holy Communion Rev D Bretherton | 9.30 am Holy Communion Can R Humphriss | 8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorrock | 10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel | OT: 2 Sam 5.1-5, 9-10 NT: 2 Cor 12. 2-10 G: Mark 6. 1-13 |
| Sun 13th 4 after Trinity | 9.30 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer | 6.00 pm Evensong Mrs M Clarke Rev P Filmer | 11.00am Family Service Rev P Filmer | 10.00 am Mattins Chris Maclean | 8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer | OT: 2 Sam 6.1-5, 12b-19 NT: Eph 1. 3-14 G: Mark 6. 14-29 |
| Sun 20th 5 after Trinity | 8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer | 10.00 am Family Service Mrs M Clarke | 10.00 am Holy Communion Canon G Manley | | 10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer | OT: 2 Sam 7. 1-14a NT: Eph 2. 1-22 S: Mark 6. 30-34, 53-56 |
| Sun 27th 6 after Trinity | 9.30 am Holy Communion Canon R Diss | | 8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Packer 6.00 pm Evensong Rev P Filmer Mrs M Clarke | 10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer 4.00 pm Family Service Martin Leggat | | OT: 2 Sam 11. 1-15 NT: Eph 3. 14-21 G: John 6. 1-21 |
| Sun 3rd August 7 after Trinity | | 11.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer | 9.30 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer | 8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer | 10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel | OT: 2 Sam 1. 26- 12.13a NT: Eph 4. 1-16 G: John 6. 24-35 |

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Diary for July 2003

- 1st Holy Communion, The New Close. Bridge, 2.30pm.
Bekesbourne After Eights, Fairview, 8.00pm
- 3rd Deanery meeting, Wingham School, 7.30pm
- 5th Bekesbourne Boot Fair, Parsonage Farm, Bekesbourne, 9.00am
- 7th Caring and Sharing, 20 Riverside Close, Bridge, 7.30pm
Bridge Digital Camera Club, Plough and Harrow, Bridge, 8.00pm
- 8th Holy Communion, Churchill House, Bridge, 2.30pm
Bridge After Eights, 8.00pm
- 9th Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-in, Bridge Village Hall, 10.00 - 11.15am
Ears & Beers, Plough and Harrow, Bridge, 6.00pm
- 10th Health and Healing, Netherby, Meadow Close, Bridge, 7.00pm
- 12th Bekesbourne Churchyard Working Party, 10.00am
- 14th Caring and Sharing, The Purlins, Meadow Close, Bridge, 7.30pm
- 15th Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge, Bridge, 2.30pm
Women's Institute, Bridge Village Hall, 7.30pm
Bekesbourne After Eights, Fairview, 8.00pm
- 18th Bekesbourne Boules Competition, The Unicorn, 7.00pm
- 19th Junior Choir practice, Lower Hardres church, 10.15am
- 20th Benefice BBQ, Riverside Cottage, Patrixbourne, 12 noon
- 21st Caring and Sharing, 8 Conyngham Lane, Bridge, 7.30pm
- 22nd Holy Communion, Highfield House, Bekesbourne, 2.30pm
Patrixbourne with Bridge PCC Standing Committee, The
Vicarage, 6.00pm
Bridge After Eights, 8.00pm
- 26th Nailbourne Horticultural Society Summer Show, Bridge School,
2.30pm
- 29th After Eights Social, The Vicarage, 8.00pm

Future events for your diary

Patrixbourne with Bridge

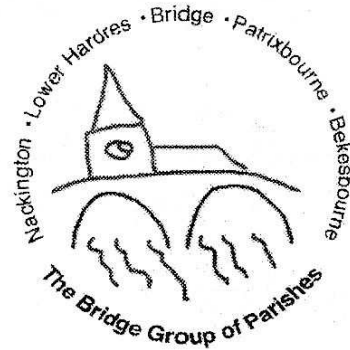
22 Aug Harp recital / Betjeman poems, Patrixbourne Church

Bekesbourne

26 Sept *Bekesbourne Aerodrome in War and Peace* Talk /Slide
show

8 Nov Autumn Dance, Bekesbourne Village Hall

29 Nov Christmas Bazaar, Bekesbourne Village Hall, 10.00am



Dear Friends

New Life

Summer — sunshine — I don't believe it!

Yet it's true and everything is suddenly transformed, including people! This is so true, isn't it? *We* smile more, the birds are singing. The flowers are “clothed in colours”, the trees are heavy with foliage and creatures have had their young. It's wonderful, exhilarating; yes, new life in abundance.

Over half-term I spent a couple of nights at my daughter's. She's having a baby soon and I looked after six-year-old Samuel. His birthday is in June and as we walked to the park he said, “Grandma, it isn't everyday someone can have a baby brother or sister as a birthday present because it's a present to me, isn't it?” As far as Samuel was concerned the coming baby, a bundle of new life, was *his* gift.

We are in the season of Pentecost, and isn't that what Pentecost is all about? New Life! It's the birthday of the Church because 3,000 “souls were added”. The disciples are no longer behind locked doors. Here they are full of new life, full of enthusiasm, full of vitality, full of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit was a gift from God and came to those men with wind and fire and speaking in tongues. The Holy Spirit was the Spirit of Christ within them and they were vital, afraid no longer. They faced whatever was ahead of them and to most of them it meant death for their faith.

Well, yes, that's all very well you might say, but what about us? It *is* true that we may not receive the Holy Spirit quite so dynamically, but I'm sure some people do. BUT God comes in the quiet and sometimes in a still small voice. Who knows? – God is unpredictable. Yet He does come to us, perhaps nudging us to pray for someone, to visit someone, to make a phone-call, wherever He leads. There are no limits to the Spirit of God, in

time, or place, or people or experience.

As far as young Samuel is concerned that bundle of life, brother or sister, is a Birthday Gift to him. The Holy Spirit is a Birthday Gift to us; and it's ours for the asking. So all I can say is: "A very happy Birthday!"

God bless you.

Margaret

Your Parish Matters

Marriage

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| 14/07 | Bekesbourne | Neil Young & Annette Lorenz |
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Funeral

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| 05/06 | Barham (Bridge) | Emily L Baker |
| 09/06 | Barham (Bridge) | Joan H Ashworth |
| 11/06 | Bridge/Barham | Douglas Cartwright |
| 23/06 | Barham (Bekesbourne) | Rose A Privett |
| 24/06 | Barham (Bekesbourne) | Toby Ramsden |

Douglas Cartwright

1919 - 2003

I would like to convey my thanks for all the cards and letters of sympathy which I have received at this sad time.

It was a great comfort to me, on entering the church, to see so many friends and I feel it an everlasting tribute that Doug was held in such great esteem.

I shall continue the trips in his memory and hope that you will support me. On behalf of the RNLI thank you for the donations to help save lives at sea.

Ethel Cartwright

Health and Healing Concerns

The prayer group will meet by kind invitation of John and Muriel Packer at Netherby, Meadow Close, Bridge, at 7.00pm on Thursday 10 July.

Please note that this is the 2nd Thursday and not the 1st Thursday, and also that there will not be a meeting in August because of holidays.

If you have any special requests that need prayerful support, please don't hesitate to phone me on 830844, or, better still, come in person; you would be sure of a warm welcome.

Kath Pierce

Fish News

The next Pop-in Coffee Morning will be on Wednesday 9 July in Bridge Village Hall.

Thank you for making the Fund-raising Coffee Morning in May the most successful ever. We hope all the plants are growing well enough to take cuttings for next year's sale!

Women's Institute

On Tuesday 15 July the talk to be given by Mr P Shearan is entitled *All the World's a Stage*. Visitors and new members will be made very welcome. The competition is "an article beginning with A"

Bridge Methodist Church

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| 6th June | Rev Barbara Heather |
| 13th June | Rev Howard Skinner – Holy Communion |
| 20th June | Mrs Marjorie Beckwith |
| 27th June | Rev George Baugh |
| 3rd August | Rev Barbara Heather |

Christian Aid Week 2003

Very many thanks for the support given to our house to house collection for Bridge, Patricbourne and Bekesbourne when £1356.18 was banked as a result of your generosity and the efforts of the collectors. Over £620 of the total sum was gift-aided and therefore the true total, after the tax allowances are applied, is over £1500. It was encouraging to see the gift-aid element grow from last year's total because it's money available to the charity at no further cost to the giver!

Very many thanks to you all for your part in achieving this marvellous result to enable Christian Aid to continue and develop its programmes for fair trade and the relief of poverty.

Chris Hoare

Bridge Digital Camera Club

9 people attended the first meeting on 2 June, and will now meet each month on the first Monday from 8 - 9.30pm at The Plough and Harrow. If you're interested in digital photography and would like to join us, just drop in, or email me for further info at revpfilmer@btinternet.com

Forthcoming events

Patricbourne with Bridge

22nd August Harp recital with Camilla Pay and readings of John Betjeman poems by the Betjeman Society. Further details will appear in next month's magazine

Patricbourne with Bridge PCC

Summer Barbeque



Sunday 20th July
Riverside Cottage
Patricbourne
12noon

Everyone from the Bridge Benefice is warmly invited to come and join in the fun.

Tickets £4 adult, £10 family
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Please bring own drinks, plates, glasses and cutlery



The Friends of Bekesbourne Church

Rogationtide Walk: 20 adults, 1 baby and 6 well-behaved dogs walked some of the footpaths around the boundaries of the parish of Bekesbourne on Rogation Sunday, 25 May. After a very wet night, the sun shone on us as we set off from Bekesbourne Village Hall. We rested along the way at the Memorial in Aerodrome Road and again at the Well Chapel, where The Rev John Shorrocks led us in prayers based on familiar hymns. The walk concluded at The Unicorn where we were glad to enjoy the hospitality of Clive and Cheryl.

Yes - be prepared! We think another **CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY** is needed and this has been arranged for **Saturday 12 July at 10.00am**, when all who can come along – with their trimmers! – will be very welcome.

Boules Competition Clive and Cheryl at The Unicorn have once again arranged a Boules Competition for **Friday 18 July at 7.00pm** in aid of our funds. Barbeque foods will be available -- or book a meal – and come along to try your hand at this challenging sport.

St Peter's Church, Bekesbourne

Cleaning and Flower rota: 2003

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| 5th July | Jane Shorrocks / Joy Smith |
| 12th July | Joan Atkins |
| 19th July | Jane Mason / Jane Millyard |
| 26th July | |
| 2nd August | Zan Clifford |

Altar Frontals dedicated at Bekesbourne

We had hoped for a lovely summer's day for our special service of Evensong at St Peter's on 1 June, but it was not to be. The skies had been darkening all day, and, as Patrick Evans, the Archdeacon of Canterbury, gave his blessing, the thunder rolled and the heavens opened, cancelling all hopes of a stroll round the churchyard with a glass of wine.

In all other respects the evening lived up to expectations. In addition to the Archdeacon, we were pleased to welcome members of the Reynolds family from Newcastle and Gillingham, whose generous donation had contributed to the purchase of the new frontals.

The Archdeacon praised all those who helped to keep the fabric of St

Peter's in good repair, continuing the tradition of generations of villagers and beautifying it with new decorations. He dedicated the altar frontals in memory of the Reynolds family formerly of Bekesbourne Hill, the matching sets of burses and chalice veils in memory of Sheilagh Boyd-Jones and one of the priest's stoles in the name of Aileen Smith. All the new vestments were designed and made by Henwoods of Folkestone as one of their last commissions before the company closed. Do come and see them if you are passing by. The church is normally locked apart from service times, but a key may be borrowed from Parsonage Farm.

Jane Millyard

*St Peter's Church Bekesbourne
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Boot Fair

Saturday

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at

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Nailbourne Horticultural Society; Summer Show

The Society's Annual Summer Show will be held in Bridge School Hall on Saturday 26 July. The show will be open from 2.30pm with the presentation of prizes at 4.00pm. Teas will be served throughout the afternoon and there will also be a plant stall and raffle. If you have surplus plants, cuttings or anything else of interest for the stall, please either bring it along on the day or contact Kathy Walder on 830057 (evenings) beforehand.

The hall will be open from 8.00am on the morning of the Show and exhibitors will have until 11.00am to stage their exhibits before judging takes place.

A plea to you all not to be timid about showing. We need you all to take part and there is always some member on hand who will be happy to advise you. Please remember, though, that you have to be a paid-up member of the Society to show. Subscriptions (£4 for joint/family membership and £2.50 for single membership) can be paid to our treasurer, Mrs Ann Edmonds (Tel: 830795). Please also note that you can put in more than one entry in each class if you like. Show schedules themselves are available from Billie Anderson, Colin Swadling, Ann Edmonds, Kathy Walder or any other committee member.

We look forward to a fine display of exhibits at the Summer Show!

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Now is the time to plan your exhibits

Fuller details will be announced in September but if you require any further information please see the website or contact John Corfield (830976), Pam Dobson or Emily Shirley.

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Notes From the June 2003 Meeting of Bridge Parish Council

Parish Appraisal and Plan

It was agreed that Cllrs Esdale, Beinder, Corfield and Dobson would form a working group to produce a Parish Appraisal and Plan. It was noted that Ray Ellis, Vivienne Argent and Richard Taylor would also be willing to stand on this working group.

Representation from Andy Phillips regarding the A2 Slip road at Bridge
Andy Phillips talked about plans to improve the use of the Canterbury Bypass and to take traffic off the ring road in Canterbury. Andy reported that plans involve improving the use of all 3 slip roads around Canterbury.

Planning applications:

Planning applications received:

CA/03/00664/BRI- 34, Conyngham Lane- 2 storey side extension, single storey side and front extensions and roof extension to incorporate 3 dormer windows

CA/03/00657/BRI- 18, Bridge Down- two storey extension including garage to side of dwelling

CA/03/00748/BRI- The Purlins, Meadow close, Bridge- replacement greenhouse

Planning applications granted:

the following planning application has been notified as being granted:

CA/01/00557/BRI-Renville Farm, Bridge- conversion of 3 agricultural buildings to 4 dwellings and erection of garage store and erection of 2 additional dwellings.

Planning applications rejected:

No applications were notified as being rejected.

Notices of proposed works to trees in a conservation area:

the following notice of proposed work has been received: Fell Three Leyland Cypress at the Dell, Bridge

Work for which a tree preservation order is not being served: Fell one young ash tree from corner of garage and one young ash from rear boundary and remove 3 smallest stems from multi stem walnut to rear of garage- 3 Meadow Close, Bridge

Scouts

John Thackeray has resigned as the village scout leader. It is anticipated that the scouts will start again after Christmas.

Bridge Village Football Team

Cllr Gulvin reported that an application has been received from Bridge Village

football team (16-19 year olds) to use the recreation ground on Sunday Mornings.

Tree Wardens

Cllr Dobson reported that Andrew Pearson had been recruited as a new tree warden.

Mill Lane Footbridge

Steve Howell from KCC Bridges has agreed to provide additional splashboards on the slopes of the footbridge at Mill Lane.

Bridge Hill Lay By

Maurice Smith, street monitor, received a letter from Canterbury City Council stating that the Bridge Hill lay by is now classified as a zone 1 cleaning area. This means it should be kept to the same standard as busy high street. Serco should be visiting the area 3 times a week. However if this fails to keep the area clean it can be increased to daily visits.

Allotments

An inaugural meeting of the allotment society is to take place on the 18th June at 7.30pm in the Hunter Room.

Change of venue of parish meeting

Parish meetings will be held in the main village hall from September, for a six-month trial period.

Street Light Bifrons Path

Mark Ellender from Canterbury City Council is liaising with Enterprise Inns on behalf of Bridge Parish Council for an easement for a streetlight within the grounds of the Whitehorse Inn. Bridge Parish Council has agreed to pay any costs incurred by Canterbury City Council, Enterprise Inns and the Whitehorse Inn, Bridge.

Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 10th July 2003 at 7.30 p.m. in the Hunter Room

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Bridge Village School is to run a 10 week computer course in September for £75. Each session will last 2 hours and will be staffed by 2 tutors. The course is limited to 15 people and payment is required in advance. Contact the parish clerk to reserve a place on 01227 831085

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Strolling South of Bridge

An exhibition of sketches of the landscape south of Bridge by Tom Bellamy at Kingston Village Hall on Saturday / Sunday 26 and 27 July, 2003 from 10.00am to 5.00pm

Garden Safari

On 12 and 13 July several gardens in the village of Kingston will be open to the public, from 2.00 to 5.30pm, with the proceeds going to St Giles Church. The cost is £3.50 per day. The gardens are well worth seeing, and there are even model train rides at one of the gardens for those of you enjoying a second childhood.

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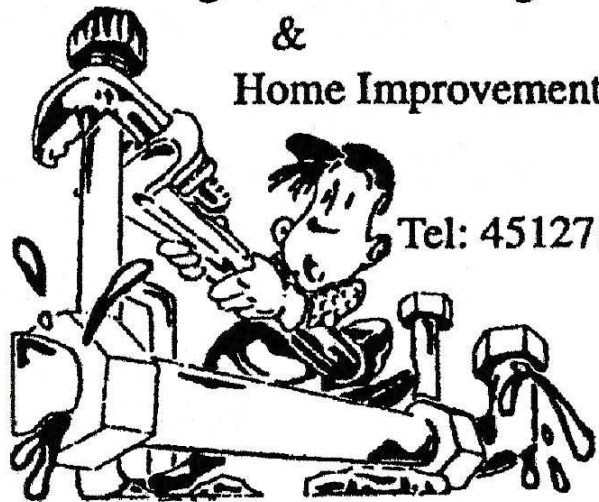
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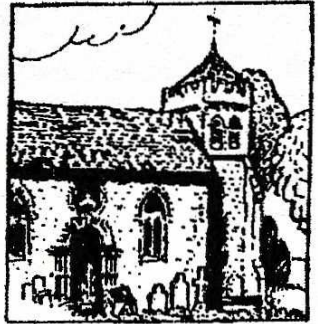
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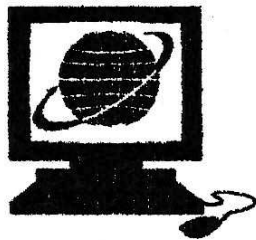
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Saturday 13th September

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THE FRIENDS OF BEKESBOURNE CHURCH

Boot Fair: The weather was perfect, 30 pitches were booked, our helpers were magnificent, and the splendid sum of £338 was raised for St. Peter's Church. We are most grateful to Mr John Ash for the use of his field and to Nippers, who kindly sponsored our advertising - congratulations to all involved, whose efforts are much appreciated.

Churchyard Working Party: Once again, many thanks to the slightly smaller band who turned up on Saturday 12th July to tackle the heavy summer growth which had appeared all round the Churchyard. However, much was achieved and it all looks a lot tidier. Your efforts are much appreciated, for we receive numerous compliments about how well the churchyard is kept - so well done!

Unicorn Boules Tournament

Once again Cheryl and Clive of the Unicorn pub hosted a very enjoyable Boules competition evening. The event raised £206 for the Friends of Bekesbourne Church. After some very and exciting and closely scored knockout rounds the winners were Tony Thirlwall and Penny Lopez from Canterbury. Their prize was a meal for 2 at Broome Park.

Bekesbourne 100 Club

The July 100 Club draw was also done, the special half year draw of £100 was won by Wendy Durell. The usual draw prizes were won by Stuard Field £50, Cheryl Barker £25, Rebecca Wright £15.

Bekesbourne Flower and Cleaning Rota

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|----------|---------------------|------------------------------------|
| 2nd Aug | 10am Family Service | Zan Clifford |
| 9th Aug | 8am Holy Communion | Zan Clifford |
| 16th Aug | 10am Holy Communion | Joan Atkins |
| 23rd Aug | No service | |
| 30th Aug | | Cheryl Barker/ Vickie Mcpherson |
| 6 Sept | 10am Family Service | Jenny skinner |

DIARY FOR AUGUST 2003

- 5th Holy Communion, The New Close, Bridge, 2.30pm
12th Holy Communion, Churchill House, Bridge, 2.30pm
13th Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-in, Bridge Village Hall, 10.00-11.15am
16th The Smallest Garden Party In The World, The Close, Bridge
19th Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge, Bridge, 2.30pm
Women's Institute, Bridge Village Hall, 7.30pm
22nd Harp & Verse, Patricxbourne Church, 7.00pm
26th Holy Communion, Highfield House, Bekesbourne, 2.30pm
30th/31st St Mary's Lower Hardres Village Gift Weekend

Forthcoming Events

Benefice

13th Sept Friends of Kent Churches Bike Ride

Bekesbourne

- 26th Sept Bekesbourne Aerodrome In War and Peace Talk/Slide Show
8th Nov Autumn Dance, Bekesbourne Village Hall
29th Nov Christmas Bazaar, Bekesbourne Village Hall

Lower Hardres

27th Sept Canterbury Cathedral Choir Choral Evening

Bridge Methodist Church

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LITTLEBOURNE AND DISTRICT BRANCH

19 members and guests were present at the July 2003 meeting held at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne, when Doug Fenn was in the Chair. The Chairman welcomed members of Staple Branch to the meeting.

We have a number of members ill at present and we wish them well.

The recent Strawberry Tea was very enjoyable, although numbers attending were smaller than hoped. The branch also ran a Bring and Buy stall in this event for Branch funds.

We hope to have another Beef Pudding Supper again in the autumn and we will announce the date of this next month.

Poppy Appeal Organiser, Geoff Welch, asked for support again this year with the Poppy Collection. He pointed out that it is becoming harder each year to recruit people and that this is vital for the continuing work of the Legion. Anyone who feels they can offer a few hours to collect house to house or at our static point collection outside Littlebourne Post Office will be very much appreciated. Please ring 728507 or 472023 (both Canterbury code).

Following the meeting the evening continued with a Games Evening with the visiting members from Staple Branch. This included darts, crib, dominoes and billiards, and refreshments were served.

The next two Branch meetings are on Tuesday 12th August and Tuesday 9th September 2003, both at 8pm.

Plant Sale - 7th September - Womenswold - 2pm - 5pm

A plant sale will be held at Westmore House, Womenswold on Sunday 7th September from 2-5pm.

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Westmore House is at the junction of the B2046 and Nonington Road (opposite the Beacon). All proceeds to the St Margaret's Church, Womenswold.

As I get older I seem to get more bewildered. This is not just an age thing. Technology bewilders me. I cannot master the video recorder. My computer regularly crashes. I become all fingers and thumbs and gadgets simply break or fail to function as I believe they are intended. And the complexity of basic issues bewilders me. Things I should understand I find myself oblivious to. Modern comedy. Modern language. Politics. Government. All, often, a mystery to me. So what is new there, you may ask? Well I'm pondering the enormity of "Cause and Effect". Let me explain.

Cause and effect is a simple enough idea. If I cause a hammer to fall on my foot the effect is pain. If I cause by bank account to go into overdraft, the effect is immediate and frank exchange with the bank manager. Simple. This week my daughter's friend caused herself to overindulge in alcohol. The effect was illness, significant discomfort for the following 24 hours and the dreadful "What did I do? No. NO!" All obvious enough stuff and something that I should grasp, with age and experience, far more easily.

But then I find myself bewildered. Here is an example. Last week one of my former Scouts (now about 23) told me he was off climbing the Kazakhstan for a month. This is more training for the big one he is planning. The ultimate mountaineering challenge. Everest. About eight years ago he was a young Scout who we introduced to climbing and other adventurous stuff. Scouts weren't necessarily his first climbing experience but we sowed a seed. Something that he has developed and nurtured. He started climbing seriously. Three years ago he fell on Ben Nevis and broke his leg. At the time I was horrified and pained that he suffered. But I was also proud that he had been at the limits of his understanding and that he has developed further since. And now he is on the edge of something quite wonderful. I am so pleased and excited for him. I cannot know what he faces but I am as proud as I can be.

But what did I do? What was it that happened? The effect is obvious. But what did I cause?

Teachers must experience this all the time. Exams give an indication of the obvious cause and effect. But what if for example, a pupil is met for the first time years after the teaching, and they say that the teacher's contribution had a profound effect on them in perhaps other ways?

So my dilemma is understanding the cause. Then I can predict the effect. My ministry proclaiming the living world of the Risen Christ would be outstanding. I could do what the Gospels call all Christians to do.

And then I'd like to understand who lit my Christian fuse and how it helps shapes me. I'd like to thank them very much. Chris

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| Sun 3rd August 7 after Trinity | | 11.00 am Holy Communion & Baptisms Canon A Duke | 9.30 am Holy Communion Can R Humphriss | 8.00 am BCP Communion Can R Humphriss | 10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel | OT: 2 Sam 1. 26- 12.13a NT: Eph 4. 1-16 G: John 6. 24-35 |
| Sun 10th 8 after Trinity | 9.30 am Holy Communion Rev Bretherton | 6.00 pm Evensong Mrs M Clarke | 11.00am Family Service TBA | 10.00 am Mattins Chris Maclean | 8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorrocks | OT: 2 Sam 18.5-9,15 31-33 NT: Eph 4. 25-5.2 G: John 6. 35, 41-51 |
| Sun 17th 9 after Trinity | 8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorrocks | 10.00 am Family Service Mrs M Clarke | 10.00 am Holy Communion Rev J Packer | | 10.00 am Holy Communion Rev J Shorrocks | OT: 1 Kg 2.10-12;3.3-14 NT: Eph 5. 15-20 G: John 6. 51-58 |
| Sun 24th 10 after Trinity | 9.30 am Holy Communion Canon R Diss | | 8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Packer 6.00 pm Evensong Rev J Packer | 10.00 am Holy Communion Canon G Manley 4.00 pm Family Service Martin Leggat | | OT: Isa 43. 8-13 NT: Acts 5. 12-16 G: Luke 22. 24-30 |
| Sun 31st 11 after Trinity | | | | 10.00 am Benefice Service Rev J Shorrocks | | OT: Sg of Sol 2. 8-13 NT: James 1. 17-27 G: Mark 7.1-8,14-15, 21-23 |
| Sun 7th September 12 after Trinity | | 11.00 am Holy Communion Rev D Bretherton | 9.30 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer | 8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer | 10.00 am Family Service & Baptisms Mrs P Kusel Rev P Filmer | OT: Prov 22.1-2,8-9,2- 23 NT: Jam 2. 1-10,14-17 G: Mark 7. 24-37 |

Officiating Ministers liable to last minute changes

Notes from the meeting of Bridge Parish Council held in the Hunter Room on Thursday 10th July 2003 at 7.30 pm.

Planning applications

Applications received:

CA/03/00875/BRI- 1 Renville New Cottages- two storey side extension to side of dwelling

CA/03/00850/BRI- 1 Bourne View - car port to side of detached garage

Applications granted:

CA/03/00579/BRI- 1 Park View, Mill Lane Bridge- conservatory to rear of dwelling

CA/03/00657/BRI- 18 Bridge Down- two storey extension including integral garage to side of dwelling

CA/03/00210/BRI- land adjacent to the Willows, Patricxbourne Road- erection with dwelling with associated parking

Applications rejected:

no applications were notified as being rejected.

Proposed works to trees in a conservation area:

Waylands, Town Hill Bridge- fell diseased cherry tree in centre of garden, reduce the height of 2 poplars to previous cutting point along the border with the firs. Reduce height to previous cutting point and thin plane trees by 'the Firs'. Reduce height of poplar tree by house to previous cutting points and remove growth onto road. Remove Lower branches of walnut tree, which borders Town Hill.

Phone masts:

Proposed Vodafone Base Station on Bekesbourne Road- Waldon Telecom

Parish Council Police Forum:

It was agreed that Cllr Beesty would attend the next Police Forum meeting on 23rd September.

News from St Mary's, Lower Hardres

Village Gift Weekend

We are launching our fund Raising appeal at St. Mary's. We have now been promised a total of over £25,000 from charities and other donations, for essential repairs to our Church. This has enabled us to call in the Architect and begin the tendering process for work to commence. We have also approached other organisations with a view to obtaining more funds.

We are holding Village Gift days on Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st August 2003. It would be lovely to see folk from our neighbouring villages at St. Mary's some time over the Gift Weekend. Come and see details of the work required, share in some of the history of the Church and enjoy a relaxing cup of tea or coffee.

Choral Evening

On Saturday 27th September 2003 we are delighted to welcome the Cathedral Choir to St. Mary's accompanied by their organist David Flood. The Choir will present a selection of music for our entertainment. In the past, such evenings have been most enjoyable, so please come along and support this event which will be in aid of the Church building fund.

Brenda Reynolds
Churchwarden

Vision Aid Overseas

Could I thank everybody who kindly donated old and surplus spectacles to this charity. Over 50 pairs were given and when these have been checked by a member of Canterbury Rotary Club who is a qualified ophthalmologist, they will be sent with the 700 pairs the Club has already collected, to Vision Aid Overseas who in turn send them to Africa.

This is not a "one off" appeal, it is an ongoing need, and I will always be happy to receive spare "specs".

As an interesting footnote it costs nothing to send the glasses to VAO as there is a courier system between opticians and they allow use to be made of this.

John Hill
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Nailbourne League of Friends of Canterbury Hospital

As part of the League's Golden Jubilee Year we are having a Family Ramble and Tea.

On September 7th at 3.00pm an organised country walk from Bridge to Lower Hardres Village hall for tea. Tickets £5 per head or £15 for a family ticket. For booking tickets or more details phone Elizabeth Stewart 830344 or Kate Whitten 830748.

The Hospital Fair is on August 16th 1.00pm at Kent and Canterbury Hospital.

Bridge Rainbows Visit Farming World

On Saturday 5th July, Bridge Rainbows joined up with over 100 other Rainbows on a trip to Farming world near Faversham. The trip had been planned for a long time and luckily the weather was lovely.

The Rainbows had a fun day, and enjoyed a tractor ride around the farm, as well as an amazing display of birds. We also had a good time in the numerous playgrounds, especially on the Flying Fox, which proved to serve as great entertainment.

With all this going on, we nearly forgot to look at the animals, but luckily found some time to visit the pigs, sheep cows and Shetland ponies. The farm had provided worksheets so many of the Rainbows drew pictures of the animals, where they slept and what they ate.

We had an enjoyable day in the sun, and it was interesting meeting up with other units who had travelled from as far as Ashford and Tenterden. Thank you to everyone who helped to organise the trip.

For more information on becoming a Rainbow please contact Sarah Wetherell or Maggie Field.

Hannah Ludlow

Clic 4 Bridge

Bridge Village School is to run a 10 week computer course on Tuesday evenings from September 9th September from 6.30-8.30pm. Each session will last two hours and be staffed by 2 tutors. The course is limited to 15 people and payment of £75 is required in advance. Contact the Parish clerk for further detail or to reserve a place on 01227 831085. (a minimum number of 10 people are required for the course to run).

Allotments.

Work is continuing at the allotments. The land agents are awaiting quotes for sheds and fencing. All the allotments have been allocated. There is a waiting list should any allotments become available in the future. The allotment society will meet next on 10th September 2003.

Country eye.

It was agreed the parish council would join the Country Eye scheme. The scheme aims to provide quick alerts to local crime such as the Lebanese loop, traveller encampments and bogus contractors.

Mobile library

From September 1st the mobile library will visit Greencourt Bridge every Thursday from 4.45-5.15pm

Holiday music

There will be a music course for children aged 3-12 years running from 11th-14th August 9-12pm at Bridge Village hall. For further information contact Margaret on 01227 275046 .

Next meeting of the Parish council

The parish council will meet next on Thursday 11th September 2003 at 7.30 p.m. in the village hall.

Rev Paul Filmer

As most of you know Paul is at present off sick.

He has had some tests carried out and by the time this magazine is published he will have seen a specialist at K & C Hospital.

I am sure you would all join me in wishing Paul a speedy recovery and to pray for not only Paul but Judy and all the family.

Laurence Dunderdale
Churchwarden

Fish News

The next Coffee Pop-in will be on Wednesday August 13th in Bridge Village Hall. Everybody is welcome.

W.I.

On Tuesday 19th August the garden meeting is at 26 Western Avenue at 3.00pm, weather permitting. If wet it will be at the usual time in the village hall. Members are asked to take a small plate of food and if possible a garden chair.

Everyone is welcome to a Coffee Morning on Tuesday 26th August at 10.30am. There will be a cake and bring and buy stall and a raffle.

Bridge Village Fete

Many thanks to all who contributed to this year's Fete. £5,000 was raised and will be shared equally between Bridge & Patricxbourne Primary School and Patricxbourne and Bridge Churches.

Laurence Dunderdale
Churchwarden

London Bridges Walk 2003

WALK LONDON'S BRIDGES AND RAISE FUNDS FOR THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Join children's television favourites Bob the Builder, Thomas the Tank Engine and the Fat Controller, Angelina Ballerina, Pingu and Tubb the Frog from Rubbadubbers at The Children's Society's London Bridges Walk on Saturday, September 13th 2003.

The charity is calling on people of all ages keen on walking to take part in this fun sponsored walk. For more information and a registration form call The Children's Society on **0845 300 1128**.

The London Bridges Walk sets off from Tate Modern and takes in eight of the capital's bridges. Walkers can choose a 5 or 10 mile circuit past many famous landmarks including St Paul's Cathedral, Tower of London and Westminster Abbey. The route is pushchair and wheelchair friendly.

Adult walkers are asked to make a donation of £5 to register and are encouraged to raise as much sponsorship money for The Children's Society as possible. The registration fee for children is £2.00.

Free refreshments and entertainment will be provided and walkers can picnic along the way.

The Children's Society have asked for the above notice, and the coloured leaflet giving all information, to anyone who might be interested in taking part, put on the Church Noticeboard.

(Unfortunately transport to London is not provided!)

Deadline for registration is Friday 5th September 2003, forms directly to the address given on the forms.

Thank you.

Kathy Eynon

KENT POLICE grade calls as 'flash' 'high' 'deferred' or 'low'

'Flash' calls are attended wherever possible within 10 minutes of the call in urban areas and within 20 minutes within rural areas, in general Police patrols will arrive well within these time limits. Calls that will be graded 'flash' are those where violence is being used or threatened, there is danger to life, a crime is in progress, an offender has recently been disturbed at a crime scene, a traffic accident resulting in personal injury, or serious traffic congestion. Operators do have discretion to include other types of call, depending upon the information given.

'High' calls are those which do require a fairly urgent attendance, generally within 45 minutes, but which do not meet the 'flash' criteria.

'Deferred' calls are those where Police attendance is required, but not immediately and which can be attended generally within a few hours.

'Low' calls are those where perhaps a Beat Officer or other officer, can deal with the matter when next on duty.

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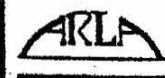
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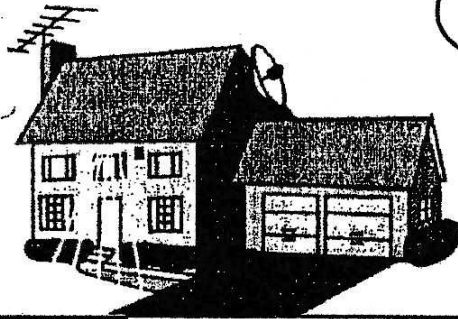
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| Sun 7th September 12 after Trinity | | 11.00 am Holy Communion | 9.30 am Holy Communion | 8.00 am BCP Communion | 10.00 am Family Service & Baptisms | OT: Prov 22.1-2,8-9,2-23 NT: Jam 2. 1-10,14-17 G: Mark 7. 24-37 |
| Sun 14th 13 after Trinity | 9.30 am Holy Communion | 6.00 pm Evensong | 11.00am Harvest Family Service | 10.00 am Mattins | 8.00 am BCP Communion | OT: Num 21. 4-9 NT: Phil 2. 6-11 G: John 3. 13-17 |
| Sun 21st 14 after Trinity | 8.00 am BCP Communion | 10.00 am Family Service | 10.00 am Holy Communion | | 10.00 am Holy Communion | OT: Prov 3. 13-18 NT: 2 Cor 4. 1-6 G: Matt 9. 9-13 |
| Sun 28th 15 after Trinity | 9.30 am Harvest Communion | | 8.00 am BCP Communion 6.00 pm Evensong | 10.00 am Harvest Service 4.00 pm Family Service | | OT: Est 7.1-6,9-10; 9.20-22 NT: Jam 5. 13-20 G: Mark 9. 38-50 |
| Sun 5th October 16 after Trinity | | 11.00 am Holy Communion | 9.30 am Holy Communion | 8.00 am BCP Communion | 10.00 am Family Service | OT: Job 1. 1;2.1-10 NT: Heb 1.1-4;2.5-12 G: Mark 10. 2-16 |

Rev P Filmer is off sick for September and Officiating Ministers are liable to last minute changes

Diary for September 2003

- 2nd Holy Communion, The New Close, Bridge, 2.30pm
4th Health and Healing, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge, 7.00pm
8th Caring and Sharing, The Vicarage, Bridge, 7.30pm
9th Holy Communion, Churchill House, Bridge, 2.30pm
10th Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-in, Bridge Village Hall, 10.00 -
11.15am
13th Friends of Kent Churches Annual Cycle Ride
15th Caring and Sharing, 16 Riverside Close, Bridge, 7.30pm
16th Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge, Bridge, 2.30pm
Women's Institute, Bridge Village Hall, 7.30pm
18th Friends of Bekesbourne Church, Son-et-Lumiere recruitment
evening, Bekesbourne Village Hall, 7.30pm
22nd Caring and Sharing, 8 Kitchener Close, Barham, 7.30pm
23rd Holy Communion, Highfield House, Bekesbourne, 2.30pm
Bridge History Society, Bridge School, 7.30pm
26th *Bekesbourne Aerodrome in War and Peace*, Bekesbourne
Village Hall, 7.45pm
28th Lower Hardres Church Family Cycle Ride and Funday,
Reculver Car Park, 11.00am
29th Caring and Sharing, 8 Riverside Close, Bridge, 7.30pm

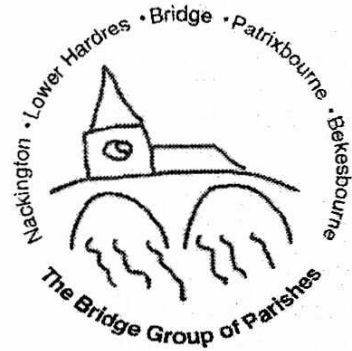
Forthcoming Events

Patricbourne with Bridge

- 12 October Harvest Lunch, Bridge School, 12.30pm
November Wine and Wisdom

Bekesbourne

- 8 November Autumn Dance, Bekesbourne Village Hall
28 November Christmas Bazaar, Bekesbourne Village Hall, 10.00am



I'm sure that you have heard somebody tell a joke that makes you think to yourself, "that 's funny! I must remember it and tell my friends". Well this letter is a bit like that joke. The words are from a sermon that Pastor Hans from Marburg, Germany preached at the June family service in Patrixbourne. I asked him for a copy so that I could tell others..... you in fact.

Those of you who have heard Hans preach are likely to have seen 'Trini' and 'Tatis' his large glove puppets. These puppets had just starred in a sketch in which translation from German to English had been a bit of a problem. These are Hans' words:

"Sometimes it is not easy to understand each other, even in one's own language. Sometimes you can't find the right words to say what you mean. Sometimes your words are heard in a totally different way to the one you intended. If you don't share the same language there is hardly any possibility of understanding each other.

Unfortunately this is not only a problem of understanding between the English and the Germans. It is a great problem whenever people with different ways of living, different opinions and different beliefs try to talk to one another but are not able to think, listen or talk in a language that is different from their own. Maybe sometimes this language trouble takes place in Christian parishes too. Imagine for example a parishioner who speaks the language of tradition and imagine another who speaks the language of development and change. Maybe each one thinks he is talking the one and only language of faith and is not able or willing to listen to and talk his fellow's language. If they don't change their way and take lessons in foreign language they will never understand each other.

If, as humans, we often don't understand one another, because we are so different from our neighbours, imagine how difficult is it for us to have a conversation with God, almost impossible. How do we know God is talking to us? How can we understand Him?

I think that, as in the case of the puppets, an interpreter would be useful between God and mankind too. I'm not sure God really needs this translator but I am very sure that we would not be able to talk and listen to God unless there was someone who could translate words from his language into ours. Actually it is the Holy Spirit who is this translating power between God and man. God Himself takes care that men and women are able to understand Him and, by means of his Holy Spirit, he is able to understand us even better than we do ourselves.

Who knows? Maybe his translating spirit is close at hand wherever people with different languages - young and old, poor and wealthy, modern and conservative, German and English - do really understand each other?"

Martin Leggatt

Bridge Methodist Church

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|---------|-------------------------------------|
| 7 Sept | Mr D Bishop |
| 14 Sept | Rev David Marshall (Holy Communion) |
| 21 Sept | Mr Peter Burt |
| 28 Sept | Rev Jeffrey Ward (Harvest Festival) |
| 5 Oct | Rev Barbara Heather |

Rev Paul Filmer

At the time of preparing this magazine, 24 August, Paul is in Kent and Canterbury Hospital. He went for tests on 21 August and the doctor decided he should stay in hospital. He is in Taylor Ward. It is likely that he will be in for about 2 weeks whilst further tests are carried out and treatment started. Please continue to pray for Paul's recovery and for Judy and the family.

Laurence Dunderdale
Churchwarden.

Health and Healing Concerns

The meeting this month is on Thursday 4 September at 7 pm, at 7 Windmill Close. The prayer cycle is continuous and can be added to or deleted as circumstances change, so please feel free with your petitions for sickness, bereavement, anxiety, loneliness or any other situation you are concerned over. The prayer group is vital and comforting to so many people. Please come in person if you are able, you will receive a warm welcome. Alternatively please phone me on 830844.

Kath Pierce

Fish Scheme (neighbourly help) News

If you are housebound, would you welcome books delivered and collected? The Fish Scheme Housebound Library Service would be happy to hear from you on 830284.

The next Coffee Pop-in in Bridge Village Hall is on Wednesday 10 September from 10 to 11.15 am.

Women's Institute

On Tuesday 16 September Mr Peter Warr's talk will be on Glass Engraving. The competition is an article beginning with T.

Annual Poppy Appeal

Owing to the anticipated loss of, perhaps, half a dozen of our long-term collectors we may well have much difficulty in covering our extensive rural area this year.

Obviously, this is a progressive problem to which there can be no solution unless new volunteers come forward.

The Royal British Legion relies almost entirely upon voluntary contributions for its ever-expanding welfare commitments; so it would be very sad if we had to reduce the wonderful contribution which our own generous villagers have made for so long.

If you could spare a couple of hours please contact Barry Whiting on 830506 as soon as possible. Thank you.

B V Whiting

The Smallest Garden Party in the World was blessed with sunshine and manageable temperatures, together with the generous support of all who contributed to the grand total of £272 raised for the benefit of MacMillan Cancer Research.

The Traidcraft stall was well patronised and sold goods to the value of £125
My thanks to you all.

Chris Hoare

Tribute to 'Jess'

On 28 July the border collie known as 'Jess' died at the age of 13. She was a familiar sight around the village of Bridge with the late Bill Dawson and latterly with David Wilding. Many people regarded her as the most friendly and well-behaved dog and indeed she was held in affection by so many. Jess was a character who will be missed by her owner and her many friends.

David Wilding

Caring & Sharing

Programme for September to December 2003

- 08/09 *Costa Rica* at Bridge Vicarage
15/09 *Coffee and Chat* at 16 Riverside Close, Bridge
22/09 *What is a Christian* at 8 Kitchener Close, Barham
29/09 *Coffee and Chat* at 8 Riverside Close, Bridge
06/10 *African Experience (Martin)* at 20 Riverside Close, Bridge
13/10 *Coffee and Chat* at The Purlins, Meadow Close, Bridge
20/10 *Making Big Decisions Colossians 1 vl-14* at 37 High Street, Bridge
03/11 *Coffee and Chat* at 20 Lanfranc Gardens,
10/11 *Talk on Romania* at Bridge Vicarage
17/11 *Emergency Response* at 7 Windmill Close, Bridge
24/11 *Namaan* at 8 Green Court, Bridge
01/12 *Coffee and Chat* at Coach House, Highland Court
08/12 *Christmas Decorations* at 32 Riverside Close, Bridge
15/12 *Christmas Social* - Venue TBA

All Meetings start 7.30 pm. Contact Numbers 830250 & 765598

Bridge History Society

Our new season begins on Tuesday 23 September at 7.30 pm with a talk entitled *The Forgotten Gardens of Kent*, given by David Collyer, who led our successful visit to Deal. The talk will follow a brief Annual General Meeting. For the forthcoming season our meetings are planned to take place in the school hall at Bridge Village School. It is hoped that, in view of our ever increasing numbers, the new venue will provide greater comfort for those attending and that it will be easier both to see and, most importantly, to hear the speaker better. New members are always welcome, so why not come along? For further information about the Society or the programme, telephone David Gilmour: 832450 or John Bishop: 832596.

Meriel Connor

The Friends of Bekesbourne Church

Our main event in September is the Talk and Slide Show by David Collyer, *Bekesbourne Aerodrome in War and Peace*, to be held on Friday 26 September at 7.45pm in Bekesbourne Village Hall - see advert opposite. Please note that **admission will be by ticket only**, so do be sure to book in good time as we are limited to the number allowed in the Village Hall! This should be a fascinating evening, full of local interest and we look forward to seeing you.

The Friends of Bekesbourne Church

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The Friends of Bokesbourne Church

Talk and Slide Show
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War and Peace*

by

Local Historian David Collyer

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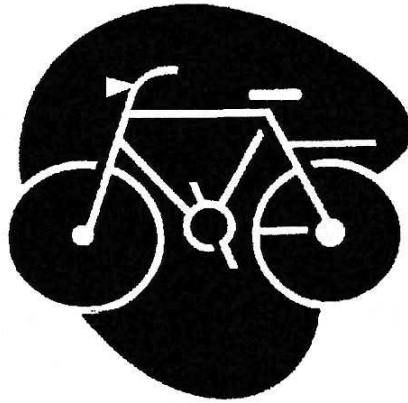
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Royal British Legion Littlebourne & District Branch

11 members were present at the August 2003 meeting held at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne, when Doug Fenn was in the Chair.

We have several members ill at present, in particular Cherry Kemp and Jim Mount. We wish them well.

Last month's Games Night was a success and was enjoyed by all who took part. We will be holding another Beef Pudding Supper again on Tuesday, 28th October, at the Unicorn, Bekesbourne, £6.50 per head. Those interested can book by contacting the Vice Chairman on 01227 721237 or the Secretary on 01227 472023. We are also holding our Annual Grand Poppy Appeal Draw which will be drawn at the Branch AGM on Tuesday, 4th November, at the Recreation Club. Tickets will be on sale from September.

We plan to have our Annual Branch Dinner in the new year when there is not so much going on in the Branch and it will be something to look forward to in the dark days after Christmas!

As stated last month, Poppy Appeal Organiser, Geoff Welch, is asking for support again this year with the Poppy Collection. Anyone who feels they can offer a few hours to collect house to house or at our static point collection outside Littlebourne Post Office will be very much appreciated. Please ring 728507 or 472023. The next two Branch meetings are on Tues, 9th September and 14th October 2003, both at 8pm.



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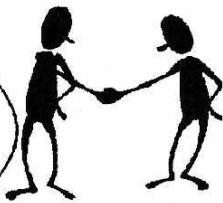
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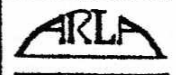
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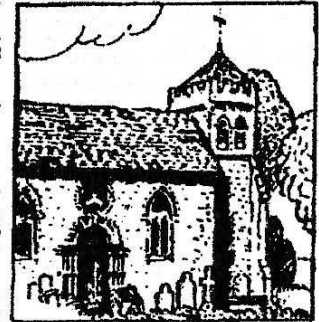


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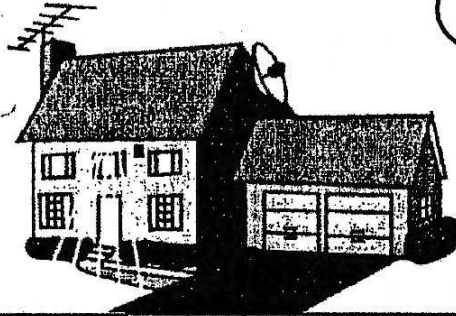
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| Sun 12th 18 Pentecost | 9.30 am Holy Communion Rev Bretherton | 6.00 pm Evensong Mrs M Clarke | 11.00am Family Service Tony Washington | 10.00 am Mattins Chris Maclean | 8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorrocks | OT: Job 23. 1-9, 16-17 NT: Heb 4. 12-16 G: Mark 10. 17-31 |
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| Sun 26th 20 Pentecost | 9.30 am Holy Communion Canon R Diss | | 8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Packer Mrs M Clarke 6.00 pm Evensong Mrs M Clarke | 10.00 am Holy Communion Rev J Shorrocks 5.00 pm Family Service Mrs M Clarke | | OT: Job 42. 1-6, 10-17 NT: Heb 7. 23-28 G: Mark 10. 46-52 |
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Rev P Filmer is off sick for October and Officiating Ministers are liable to last minute changes

Diary for October 2003

- 2nd Health and Healing, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 7pm
4th Coffee Morning, Old Palace, Canterbury Cathedral 10.30-12.30
6th Caring and Sharing, 20 Riverside Close, Bridge 7.30pm
7th Holy Communion, The New Close, Bridge 2.30pm
Nailbourne Horticultural Society, Bridge Village Hall, 7.30pm
8th Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-in, Bridge Village Hall 10.00-11.15am
9th Methodist Church Coffee Morning, Patrixbourne Rd, 10am
11th Nailbourne Church Trail
12th Bridge & Patrixbourne Harvest Lunch, Bridge School, 12.30pm
Bekesbourne Conker Competition, The Unicorn
13th Caring and Sharing, The Purlins, Meadow Close, Bridge 7.30pm
14th Holy Communion, Churchill House, Bridge 2.30pm
20th Caring and Sharing, 37 High Street, Bridge 7.30pm
21st Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge, Bridge 2.30pm
28th Holy Communion, Highfield House, Bekesbourne 2.30pm

Forthcoming Events

Patrixbourne with Bridge

Nov Wine & Wisdom

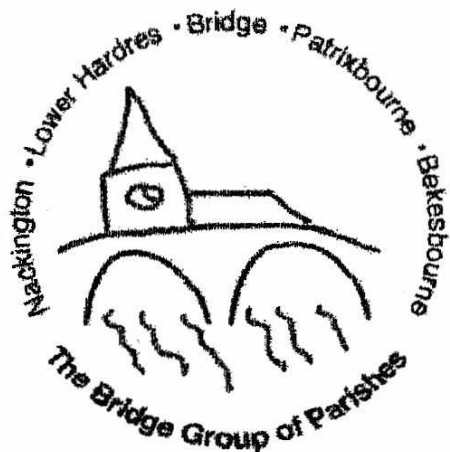
Bekesbourne

8 Nov Autumn Dance, Bekesbourne Village Hall

29 Nov Christmas Bazaar, Bekesbourne Village Hall 10am

Gifts

This week I have been made aware that the season for gifts is upon us again. Next month in church, we have the Harvest Festival gifts, the charity 'Smartie tube' collection of gifts; the shops are quickly filling up with gift ideas for Christmas presents and the post is full of mail order gift catalogues. But these are not the only type of gifts to consider.

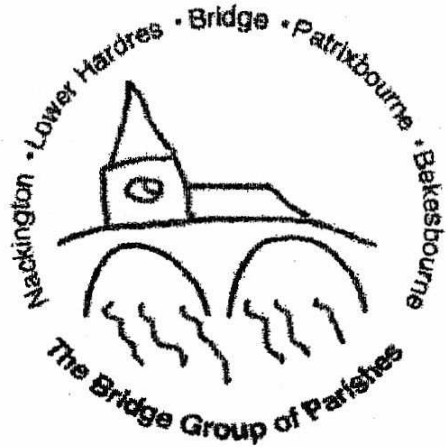


As an Additional Educational Needs Co-ordinator in school, I have to identify the 'gifted and talented' children. If these children are gifted what sort of gifts do I look for? I can't just consider the very academically able children. So what are these gifts? How do we recognise them and what do we do to nurture them? These gifts are with us from birth. Why is it important that they are recognised and nurtured? Because they are God given and the potential needs recognising and developing so we can be truly happy? I don't have the answers.

Giftedness is at the heart of the new lay training scheme of Authorised Lay Ministry (ALM). There are many training routes depending on the nature of the recognised 'gift'; be it worship leader, evangelist, pastoral assistant or the healing ministry. I am nearing the end of my years training and have had time to reflect on what it is all about. During training I have met and worked with many other ALMs. The questions we have asked ourselves include 'How do I get started on the training?' 'Why am I training?' and 'What do I want to achieve?' For most of us the answer to the first question 'How' is that we were approached and asked to undertake the training. We were asked because others had recognised a gift within us that in many cases we were unaware of. I feel the answer to 'Why' comes from acknowledging this gift and understanding its nature. The answer to 'What' comes from the deeper understanding of the gift and where it is leading us.

Many of us have gifts that are as yet unrecognised or we recognise gifts in others but haven't told them. Perhaps we all need to be more aware of giftedness and be prepared to acknowledge and nurture these gifts, given by God, for the glory of his name.

Pat



Extended Communion

The Bishop of Dover, Bishop Stephen, has authorised me, as the Reader of the Benefice, to take an Extended Communion Service in church on a Sunday, as well as what I am able to do now - namely 'Home Communion' in people's homes and in Residential Homes.

The P.C.C. of Patricbourne with Bridge have accepted this and I feel very thrilled at the prospect of being able to do so, when our regular priests are unavailable.

I have taken an Extended Communion Service at St. Mary's, Lower Hardres, on several occasions. It is a very beautiful service, almost the same as a Eucharist - hymns, readings, sermon and prayers - BUT I take the elements which have already been consecrated from the 8 o'clock service, within the Benefice, that Sunday morning. This means that as the Body of Christ we all share in this sacrament of Holy Communion.

Margaret Clarke

Health and Healing Concerns

The next meeting is on Thursday 2nd October at 7pm, at 7 Windmill Close.

It was good to see so many people at last month's meeting. Please keep your requests coming; whether for illness, bereavement, anxiety or any other circumstance.

The power of prayer is wonderful and so uplifting. Do please come in person or ring me with your requests.

Kath Pierce

830844

The Fish Scheme (Neighbourly Help) News

Should you ever need a lightweight wheel chair, the FishScheme has one to lend you. Saxon Lodge very kindly stores it and can be contacted on 831737.

The next Coffee Pop-in is on Wednesday 8th October and will include the annual General Meeting of the Scheme.

Christmas Puddings

The Ultimate Plum Puding Co. is even now making those exquisite puddings for L'Arche homes for the disabled. Reserve some for yourself or to give as a most acceptable present by telephoning 830298 for home delivery.

W.I.

For the October meeting Mrs J Dunkley will take us "Round the World in 50 minutes" and the competition is an article beginning with I.

Emma Medhurst's Wedding

Dear Friends,

As you may know I am getting married to Steven Sivyer on the 25th October. The wedding will take place at St. Mary of Charity, Faversham Parish Church at 1.30pm and we would be delighted if you would join us for the service and a drink at the church afterwards.

Emma Medhurst

THE FRIENDS OF BEKESBOURNE CHURCH

The **CONKER COMPETITION** will be held at The Unicorn on Sunday 12th October 2003 at lunchtime 0 so get your conkers ready now! There will be a BBQ and those planning to eat should book lunch in good time. This is always a fun event, so do come along.

The **AUTUMN DANCE** will be held on Saturday 8th November 2003 in Bekesbourne Village Hall, with music by Jimmy Lennox. Tickets are still only £5, and BYO food and drink.

More details next month.

Bekesbourne Flower and Cleaning Rota

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| 4th Oct | 10am Family Service/Harvest Festival All hands welcome please |
| 11th Oct | 8am Holy Communion Janet Street |
| 18th Oct | 10am Holy Communion Joan Atkins |
| 25th Oct | No Service |
| 1st Nov | 10am Family Service Jane Mason/Jane Millyard |

Harvest Lunch
for
Christian Aid

Sunday 12th October
12.30 pm
Bridge School Hall

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voluntary donation to Christian Aid.**

**Please book your seat in advance by
Contacting Pat Dunderdale (830668) or
Andrea Nicholson (830947) by the 8th October**

**Please bring your own soup bowl, plate, glasses,
and drinks**

**This event is organised by Patrixbourne with Bridge PCC
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Bridge Methodist Church

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| October 5th | Rec. Barbara Heather |
| October 12th | Rev. David Marshall |
| October 19th | Mr Michael Baybutt B.Sc. DMS. C.Eng |
| October 26th | Rev. Barbara Heather |
| November 2nd | Mr. John Ellis |

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Wine and Wisdom Evening

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Give water, celebrate life! Christian Aid's Harvest Appeal 2003

Harvest is traditionally a time for thanksgiving. It is a chance to celebrate the goodness of God's creation and the abundant fruits of the land, the sea, and human labour. But it can be an uneasy festival for Christians conscious that despite God's generous provision, many still hunger and thirst: for food, for water, for justice.

This year, Christian Aid is inviting churches to use harvest to give thanks for the gift of water - that most basic of essentials. Celebrate the new life that water is bringing to villages in Mali through Christian aid, and make a commitment to working and praying for a world when people will 'thirst no more.' (John 4:14).

For as little as £10, a child can be provided with clean, fresh water for life. This year we are using our Harvest Lunch as an opportunity to support Christian Aid's Harvest Appeal. Come and join us in a modest lunch costing £1 and give a voluntary donation to celebrate the transforming gift of water this harvest, by supporting the 'Give water, celebrate life!' appeal.

Please book your seat in advance by contacting Pat on 830669 or Andrea on 830927 by 8th October. The lunch is being held in Bridge School Hall at 12.30pm on Sunday 12th October.

Harp and Poetry on a summer's Evening

Many thanks are extended to all those who made the evening of Friday 22nd August such a memorable occasion. Patricxbourne Church was full to capacity. A glorious evening's entertainment was provided by Camilla Pay, playing the harp, and the Betjeman Players who read and performed the poetry of Sir John Betjeman. A beautiful balmy evening allowed the Churchyard to be used for the interval refreshments and it was difficult to persuade the audience to return inside for the second half of a splendid evening's programme of entertainment.

The evening raised a grand total of £1240, so many thanks to all you came from both far and near to support this event.

A.N.

You are warmly invited to
Come and Sing Carols
at St. Peter's, Bridge
on Sunday, December 21st

and, more particularly, to join us in the **Bridge Choir**, which will be specially augmented as usual for the occasion of the Carol Service!

As in previous years, the choir will be supporting the congregational singing, and also adding another dimension to the familiar Christmas Readings with a varied, but not unfamiliar selection of short carols of their own. The present intention is to person settings of *Adam lay ybounden* (Ord), *A Maiden most Gentle* (Carter), *Sussex Carol* (Vaughan Williams), *In Excelsis Gloria* (Brown), *Ding, Dong!* (Wood) and *The Calypso Carol*.

We are looking for all voices (SATB) from all age groups, and hope to welcome back many old friends as well as gain a few new enthusiasts. Some experience and/or ability to read music is necessary for the harmony parts, but not vital for the top line.

We will keep rehearsals to a minimum, but for that reason it is crucial that most people can make *both* the main rehearsals as well as the Sunday! The rehearsals will almost certainly be held in Bridge Church as follows:

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| Friday, December 12th | 7-8.30pm |
| Wednesday, December 17th | 7-8.30pm |
| Sunday, December 21st | 4-5.30pm |

Music will be available in advance and for private study!

If you are able to join us, please let *Hilary Whiting* know as soon as possible on 830506 (as Bill Rose is alas going to be in Australia this Christmas). I can then assess balance and viability of programme! You can contact me directly on Canterbury 787994.

With thanks and best wishes,

Martin Miles

Annual Poppy Appeal

Owing to the anticipated loss of, perhaps, half a dozen of our long term collectors we may well have much difficulty in covering our extensive, rural area this year.

Obviously, this is a progressive problem to which there can be no solution unless new volunteers come forward.

The Royal British Legion relies almost entirely upon voluntary contributions for its ever expanding welfare commitments so it would be very sad if we had to reduce the wonderful contribution which our own generous villagers have made for so long.

If you could spare a couple of hours please contact Barry Whiting on 830506 as soon as possible.

Thank you.

B. V. Whiting

Nailborune Horticultural Society

The Horticultural Society are pleased to have arranged an additional evening meeting to their published programme for this year.

On Tuesday 7th October, at 7.30pm, in Bridge Village Hall, Janine Doulton will be giving a talk, illustrated with slides, on the always very popular gardens at Sissinghurst.

As ever, both members and non-members are most welcome. There will be a small charge for refreshments.

Kathy Walder

Coffee Morning
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Folk in the Barn

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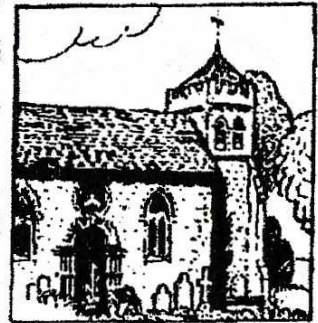
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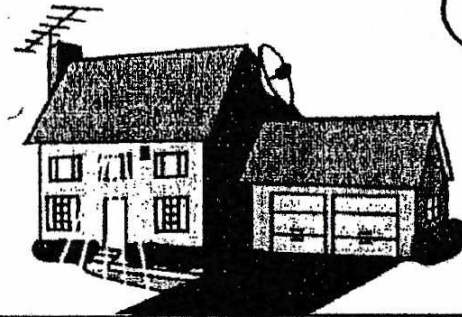
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| Sun 16th 23 Pentecost | 8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorrocks | 10.00 am Family Service Mrs M Clarke | 10.00 am Holy Communion Canon G Manley | | 10.00 am Holy Communion Can Humphriss | OT: Dan 12. 1-3 NT: Heb 10.11-14,19-25 G: Mark 13. 1-8 |
| Sun 23rd 24 Pentecost | 9.30 am Holy Communion and Baptism Canon R Diss | | 8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Packer Mrs M Clarke 6.00 pm Evensong Mrs M Clarke | 10.00 am Holy Communion Rev Bretherton 5.00 pm Family Service Martin Leggatt | | OT: Dan 7. 9-10,13-14 NT: Rev 1.4b-8 G: John 18. 33-37 |
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Diary for November 2003

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4th Holy Communion, The New Close, Bridge 2.30pm
6th Health and Healing, Netherbury, Meadow Close, Bridge 7pm
8th Firework Display, Brewery Lane, Bridge 5.30pm
Wine & Wisdom, Bridge Village Hall 7pm
Autumn Dance, Bekesbourne Village Hall 7.30pm
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24th Caring and Sharing, 8 Green Court, Bridge 7.30pm
25th Holy Communion, Highfield House, Bekesbourne 2.30pm
29th Bekesbourne Christmas Bazaar, Bekesbourne Village Hall 10am

Forthcoming Events

Bekesbourne

18th Dec Carols at The Unicorn

Bridge

1st Dec Salvation Army Carol Concert, Bridge School, 7.30pm
Tickets £1.50 available from School - 830276 or
pay on the night

16th Dec An afternoon of entertainment for all Senior Citizens -
1.30pm - 3.00pm at Bridge School, transport available
ring 830276 to book transport or to reserve a place.

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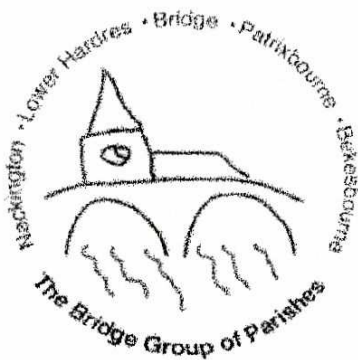
Nov 2nd Mr John Ellis

Nov 9th Rev. Howard Skinner

Nov 16th Mrs Margorie Beckwith

Nov 23rd Rev. George Baugh

Nov 30th Rev. David Marshall (Toy Service)



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Who is your Saint?

November is a month of memories, remembrances, both national and personal.

In September 1939, Britain was informed by Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain that "this country is at war with Germany." This proved to be the Second World War of this century. Some people feel that we should forget the horrors and devastations of that time. If we forget them surely we do all those people who died or survived and suffered a disservice and we belittle their importance. We should remember in order to rebuild a world of justice, honour and peace. If we do not build, we destroy.

In the play, 'The Silver Sword', by Stuart Henson the Balicki family escape from Poland and meet up in Switzerland. There they **build** for themselves and many orphans a new village, "brick by brick". It is a new beginning. It is right and proper that we should thank God for all those who showed courage and strength, those old comrades-in-arms, who enabled us to have a new beginning.

Yet you may say that since 1939 - we have witnessed several more wars and men, women and children have been killed. Yes, it does seem that our new beginning has come to an abrupt ending. But we need to carry on despite all the setbacks, all the evil bombings, anger, frustration and sadness because one day we will learn and inhumanity will cease because our Lord did overcome death and one day his Kingdom of Love will win - despite all the odds.

Recently I came across a piece of poetry by an old soldier. Here are just 5 verses

JUST A SIMPLE SOLDIER

He was getting old and paunchy, and his hair was falling fast,
And he sat around the Legion, telling stories of the past,
Of a war that he had fought in, and the deeds that he had done,
In his exploits with his buddies; they were heroes, every one.

It's easy to forget the, for it is so long ago,
That Bobs and Jims and Johnnys went to battle, but we know
It was not the politicians with their compromises and ploys,
Who won for us the freedom, that our country now enjoys.

Should you find yourself in danger, with your enemies at hand
Would you really want some cop-out, with his ever waffling stand?
Or would you want a soldier, who has sworn to defend,
His home, his kin and country, and would fight until the end.

He was just a common soldier, and his ranks are growing thin,
But his presence should remind us, we may need his like again,
For when countries are in conflict, than we find the soldier's part,
Is to clean up all the troubles that the politicians start.

If we cannot do him honour, while he's here to hear the praise,
Then at least let's give him homage, at the ending of his days,
Perhaps just a simple headline, in a paper that might say,

Our Country is in mourning for a Soldier died today.

"Lest we forget!" Our today is moulded by our yesterday.

Memories do not stop there. We also celebrate the Saints this month; the Saints of old who gave their lives for Our Lord Jesus and who showed great courage. Such people are an inspiration to us all. We may have our favourite ones: Peter or Thomas, James or John. However we must remember that Saints do not have to be famous 'do-gooders', but can be ordinary folk like you and me. We may not always be saints, but our sainthood is shining forth something of the holiness of God at certain times in our lives.

What about the saints known to us personally? "The Soldier who died today". The old lady full of pain, but always smiling. The young man, who has had a hard life, but considers himself 'lucky' and is always ready to help others; the one who gives unselfish help in a quiet, unobtrusive way.

Who is your saint?
Who helps you in your journey of life?

Margaret Clarke
Pastoral Assistant

ADVANCE NOTICES

Crib Service

The Crib Service will be at 3.00pm on Sunday 16th December at St Mary's Lower Hardres. Refreshments will be served after the service. Dress up as a Nativity character if you like. Please bring a GIFT (any size) for children (any age) unwrapped. They will be given to the Children's Refuge. They bring a lot of pleasure to those young people.

Christmas Workshop

On Friday 19th December in the John Baker White Hall, Lower Hardres, there will be a Children's Workshop from 9.30am till 12 noon. Please book your place by phoning Margaret Clarke (765598) or Julie Cox (788316).

Parents - please stay with your pre-school child. Also it would be appreciated if each child could bring 50p towards materials (but its your children not your money that we want, so please come). We'll have fun.

Bishop's Visit

On Sunday 21st December, there will be a Benefice Holy Communion Service at Bridge at 10.00am when the Rt Revd Stephen Venner, Bishop of Dover will be taking the service.

Smartie Tubes

Money raised through the tubes will be given to the Children's Society. Don't forget to bring the tubes to the Crib Service, The Christingle or any other Christmas Service please.

Bridge Carol Service

On Sunday 21st December at 6pm.

Health and Healing

The Prayer Group will meet on Thursday 6th November at 7pm at Netherbury, Meadow Close, the home of John and Muriel Packer. Please note the change of venue. The Prayer Group is very special to so many people, (here and abroad), in giving support, sympathy and understanding. No-one need feel alone in their troubles, so please ring me or Muriel, with your requests or better still join us and find out for yourself the loving and caring and spiritual support to be found there,

Kath Pierce

830844 or 830364

Fish Scheme (Neighbourly help) News

The Annual General Meeting of the Scheme was held during the Coffee Pop-in on October 8th. In the last year 199 journeys were made but new volunteers would be most welcome to continue this level of support. Our founder member, Mrs Joan Warren, has decided to retire. We cannot express how deeply grateful we are to her. Mr Bill McCarthy, our treasurer, is also retiring after 12 years. He saw us safely through the bureaucracy involved in becoming a registered charity.

The next Coffee Pop-in in Bridge Village Hall will be on Wednesday November 12th. Everybody is most welcome.

Christmas Appeal - Bridge & Patricxbourne

We have received a letter from Canterbury Open Centre (for homeless people) requesting Churches to support their seasonal appeal. Last month we sent our harvest gifts to them.

As Christmas approaches their requirements change, they specifically ask for toiletries including disposable razors, soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste and warm clothing including socks.

We are proposing to support this appeal. During the month leading up to Christmas we will be accepting gifts to be taken to Canterbury Open Centre.

Please give generously, gifts do not need to be wrapped.

Laurence dunderdale

Churchwarden

Patricxbourne Carol Service - Tuesday 23rd December

Every year an 'all-comers choir' rehearses, then sings carols and anthems during the St Mary's Patricxbourne Carol Service. Anticipated dates for rehearsals are Thursday 11th, Thursday 18th and Monday 22nd December. If you would like to be included in the singers, please contact Rosalie Stacey on 830205 to register your interest in joining the choir this year.

Christian Aid Harvest Lunch

A total of £150 was collected towards the Christian Aid 'Water for Life' Appeal at the Harvest Lunch this year. Many thanks are offered to all who attended, and to all the cooks who donated bread, soup and puddings for the meal. Everyone had a sociable time, without forgetting those for whom even clean water is a precious commodity.

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Bekesbourne Family Services - December

There will be two services during December; the usual family service on the first Sunday the 7th, and the Nativity service this year is planned for MONDAY 22nd at 11am.

7th December - This family service is planned to be the Annual Brownie Church parade as well as the GIFT service where we bring goods for BHA (British Humanitarian Aid). These gifts may include clothing; children's and adults, robust toys without batteries etc. quality bedding, basic toiletries, stationery, dried and tinned food (not out of date!). If any one wishes to donate before the service then please give me a ring or deliver to Rosary House.

22nd December - The nativity service this year is on a week day because a place for it could not be found within the Benefice Sunday schedule. Because of this I need to know as soon as possible (by the beginning of November please) if there is interest and support so I can begin to plan. So DO RING me and let me know what you would like to contribute. Pat Kusel 01227 830272 A rehearsal will be required possibly on the preceding Saturday or Sunday.

Bekesbourne Flower and Cleaning Rota

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| 1st Nov | 10am Family Service | Jane Mason/Jane Millyard |
| 8th Nov | 8am Holy Communion | Christine Ash |
| 15th Nov | 10am Holy Communion | Romany Cowans |
| 22nd Nov | No service | |
| 29th Nov | Advent | Jane Millyard |
| 6th Dec | 10am Family Service Advent | |

Bekesbourne's Cyclists

On a warm sunny September day walkers Syd and Gill Moon plus cyclists Clive and Cheryl Barker (Unicorn pub) Simon Woodhouse, Derek Todd, Joan Atkins, Roger Nicholls and new riders Victoria Brown and sons Richard and Ben (who deserve a special mention for raising a staggering £270.00) . The final total raised by all the riders and walkers was an unbelievable £612.50, to be shared between St Peter's Bekesbourne and The Friends of Kent Churches.

My thanks also to Jonathan Cowans and Janet Street who manned the church welcoming cyclists and serving refreshments. Last but not least a big thank you to all the sponsors for their invaluable support. Well done all!

Jill Gillanders

ST PETER'S CHURCH, BEKESBOURNE

The **CONKER COMPETITION** at The Unicorn on Sunday 12 October 2003 was a great success and the winners were: Ladies - Caroline Jagers, Men- Ed Shaw, Children- Richard Thomas, with Richard Brown as runner-up. Congratulations to all and well done everyone who entered. The event raised £105.20 and we give our special thanks to Clive and Cheryl for the venue, and to Hoverspeed and Broome Park for their generous raffle prizes.

Our next event will be the **AUTUMN DANCE** on Saturday 8 November 2003 in Bekesbourne Village Hall, with music by Jimmy Lennox. Tickets are still only £5, and BYO food and drink -see advert for more details - we look forward to seeing you there.

The **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR** will be held on Saturday, 29 November in Bekesbourne Village Hall, so do please start planning for this annual event.

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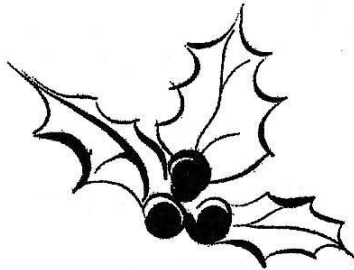
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ST.MARY'S CHURCH MINCEMEAT Can you help?

The children of St Mary's Church, Lower Hardres have decided to produce jars of delicious mincemeat for sale in aid of the Church Restoration Fund.

Donations of dried fruit, cooking apples, lemons, soft dark brown sugar, beef suet, and empty jam jars would all be gratefully received. Remember all profits are going to the church restoration fund!

We will be making the mincemeat, producing our own labels, recipe cards and we will be selling it at St Mary's family services, the crib service and at the Lower Hardres Christmas Fair on Saturday 29th November

Please support our venture!!

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Patricxbourne with Bridge is a member of the Bridge Group of Parishes

NAILBOURNE SCOUTS CHRISTMAS MAIL

It has become somewhat of a tradition for the Scouts to deliver Christmas mail in Bridge and this year will be no exception. We regret however the price of stamps had to be increased to 15p each to help raise much needed funds for equipment etc.

The Christmas Collection boxes and special stamps will be at the following venues from the first week of December: The Plough and Harrow, The White Horse Inn, The Red Lion, Bridgeway Stores, Laurie Wakeham, Butcher and Nicholas James, Hairdresser.

Correctly addressed and stamped mail (for Bridge addresses only) will be collected on Thursdays 11th and 18th for delivery. Unfortunately the Scout Troop is unable to collect and deliver Christmas mail after the 18th December.

The Nailbourne Scout Group hopes for your continued support this year
Rajini Dasan

Nailbourne Horticultural Society

Please make a note in your diaries that the Society's annual social event will be held on Tuesday 2nd December in Bridge Village Hall.

We are organising a presentation from a company from Lewes in Sussex called "Say Cheese 2". Watch out for further details.

Kathy Walder

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Notes from the meeting of Bridge Parish Council held in the Hunter Room on Thursday 11th September at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village hall

Proposed works to trees in a conservation area:

River House, 67 High Street Bridge- to crown thin and crown reduce three Silver Birch trees along rear boundary garden by 20%. To crown lift to the main forks on each tree as necessary.

Willows, Patrixbourne Road, Bridge- fell 1 common lime. Pollard other common limes to previous cutting points.

The Dacha, Patrixbourne Road, Bridge- fell eucalyptus tree in front garden

Parish Plan

A public meeting has been arranged for 23rd October 2003 at 7.30p.m. in Bridge Village Hall to discuss the Parish Plan.

Annual Return for Audit -It was noted that the Parish Council has passed the audit this year. The completed return can be viewed at 3, Cranmer Close Bekesbourne from 8th September to 25th September 2003.

Floral Competition- The winners of the competition for commercial properties were Harrow Cottage Bed and Breakfast and the White Horse Inn. Although there were insufficient entries for the residential competition, the display at 33 High Street was commended for its display."

Date of Next Meeting of Bridge Parish Council

The Parish Council will meet next on the 9th October 2003 at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall. The planning sub committee will meet prior to this meeting at 7pm.

Music Group for Infants and Toddlers

Bridge Village Hall Mondays **10.15am**

New Sessions begin 1st September 2003

For Further Information call Margaret on 275046

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Whitehill Wood Lower Hardres

Kent Wildlife Trust has designated Whitehill Wood, Lower Hardres as site of nature conservation interest.

Christmas Trees, High Street

The Parish Council has agreed contact the residents of Bridge High Street with regard to supplying Christmas Trees again this year.

30 MPH speed limit at Mill Lane Bridge

Kent County Council intends to reduce the speed limit at Mill Lane Bridge to 30 miles per hour.

It was agreed that the date of the next meeting would be 13th November 2003 at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall.

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Mr L H Dunderdale, 37 High St, Bridge (830668)

Mr D Latham, 16 Riverside Close, Bridge.

PCC Secretary Mrs A Williamson, Beechmount, Conyngham Lane, Bridge (830399)

PCC Treasurer Mr L Andrews, 120 New Dover Road, Canterbury

Gift Aid Officer Mrs J Latham, 16 Riverside Close, Bridge.

Choirmaster & Organist

Organist (Patricxbourne) Mrs RM Stacey, Joslet, Keepers Hill, Patricxbourne (830205)

BEKESBOURNE

Churchwardens Mrs J Gillanders, Cala, Aerodrome Rd, Bekesbourne

Mr J Cowans, Distant View, Adisham Rd, Bekesbourne (831029)

PCC Secretary Mrs J Millyard, 10 De Havillands, Bekesbourne (830256)

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Organist Mrs RM Stacey, Joslet, Keepers Hill, Patricxbourne (830205)

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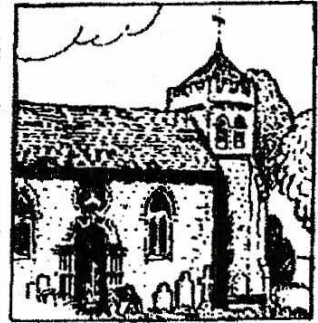


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| Christmas Week | 25th Dec 8.00 am BCP Communion Can Dr G Walker | 24th Dec 11.30 pm Holy Communion Canon Humphriss | 24th Dec 4.00 pm Christingle Rev J Thackray | 23rd Dec 7.00 pm Carol Service | 22nd Dec 11.00am Nativity Service Mrs P Kusel 24th Dec 11.30 pm Holy Communion Rev J Shorrocks 25th Dec 11.00 am Family Carol Service | |
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| Sun 4th January 2004 Christmas 2 | | 11.00 am Holy Communion Canon R Diss | 9.30 am Holy Communion Rev J Shorrocks | 8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorrocks | 10.00 am Family Service & Baptism Mrs P Kusel Rev Bretherton | OT: Jer 31. 7-14 NT: Eph 1. 3-14 G: John 1. 10-18 |

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Forthcoming Events

Bekesbourne

- 31st Jan Jumble Sale, Bekesbourne Village Hall 10am
- 5th March Wine & Wisdom, Bekesbourne Village Hall 7.15am

Methodist Services

- Dec 7th Rev. Barbara Heather
- Dec 14th Mrs Marjorie Beckwith
- Dec 21st Rev. David Marshall (Christingle Service)
- Dec 28th Miss Jean Hall
- Jan 4th Rev. George Baugh (Covenant Service)

**PLEASE NOTE - DEADLINE FOR JANUARY 2004 EDITION IS
WEDNESDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2003**



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**Christmas Thoughts from members of the Retired Clergy ministering
within the Bridge Group of Churches**

Looking out of my window I can hardly see the spire of Lower Hardres Church because it is swathed in green as part of the restoration work. Before the first Christmas God also often appeared to be partly hidden. Christmas shows us who God is and what he is like. Come and celebrate that - you will be very welcome in all our churches.

Reg Humphriss

Nestled there, among the fields,
Jane's hens and ducks close by,
Nackington will yet again
Hear angels carolling on high
Announce once more 'The King is born!'
And Susan's organ join's in the cry:
A joyful Christmas morn!
(to all our readers)

Ron Diss

John and Jane Shorrock send their Christmas Greetings and best wishes for 2004 to everyone in the Benefice. Christmas Carols, Presents and Parties are celebrations of the Birth of the Saviour of the World. We will be glad and rejoice and remember the hungry and the homeless, the suffering and the sorrowful. May Christ's Peace and Joy fill your hearts and homes this Christmastide.

John Shorrock

"Let All the World in Every Corner Sing": so sang George Herbert, and so should we, as once again we approach the anniversary of the birthday of Jesus, the Saviour of the World. May God's blessing rest upon you all, whoever you may be, as you rejoice and give thanks this Christmas!

John Packer

REMINDERS FOR CHRISTMAS

Crib Service

Sunday December 21st at 3pm at St. Mary's Lower Hardres (apologies for mistakes in November Magazine). Gifts (unwrapped) for children (any age) would be appreciated for the Children's Refuge.

Christmas Workshop

Friday 19th December 9.30-12 noon at John Baker White Hall, Lower Hardres, CHILDREN - DON'T FORGET! (See details in November magazine).

Smartie Tubes

for the Children's Society - will be welcomed at the Christmas Services.

Carol Services at the Residential Homes

If you would like to join us - please do come!

| | | |
|-------------------------|--------|-------------|
| Tuesday 16th December | 6pm | New Close |
| Wednesday 17th December | 2.30pm | Saxon Lodge |
| Monday 22nd December | 2.30pm | Highfield |

Mincemeat Party

On November 8th, children and parents advanced on Mrs Ann Mummery's farm. We were armed with spoons, bowls, dried fruit, lemons, apples and jars etc. What a cavalcade!

We had great fun making 40lbs of mincemeat. It was extremely kind of Ann to have us and we really appreciated her kindness. Thank you so much! Thank you to Jane for organising it. Sincere thanks also to Sue and Harry for their chutney! Thanks also to all who gave ingredients and jam jars!

A very Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year to you all.

Margaret Clarke

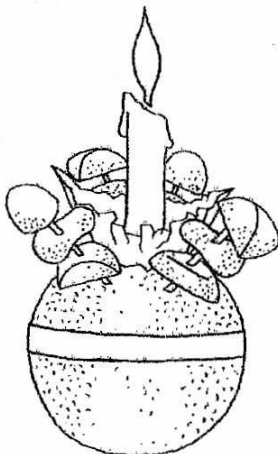


Christingle

Shining light into darkness

CHRISTMAS EVE 4.00pm

St. PETER'S CHURCH BRIDGE



Celebrate a special Christingle in aid of The Children's Society's anti-bullying work, and help us shine light into darkness. We hope you will join us for this joyful and moving service.

All proceeds go to The Children's Society
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Health and Healing

The Prayer Group will meet on Thursday 4th December at 7pm at Netherbury, Meadow Close, the home of John and Muriel Packer. Please note the change of venue. The Prayer Group is very special to so many people, (here and abroad), in giving support, sympathy and understanding. No-one need feel alone in their troubles, so please ring Muriel, with your requests or better still join us and find out for yourself the loving and caring and spiritual support to be found there. Please note there will be no meeting in January 2004.

Kath Pierce

830844 or 830364

Fish Scheme (Neighbourly help) News

The next Coffee Pop-in at Bridge Village Hall is on Wednesday December 10th and will include mince pies. A very Happy Christmas.

W.I.

On the earlier date of Tuesday 9th December members are asked to take a plate of food and a glass to the Christmas meeting.

Musical entertainment is provided by Doug Inkpen and the competition is an article beginning with N the last letter in Federation.

Christmas Appeal - Bridge & Patrixbourne

We have received a letter from Canterbury Open Centre (for homeless people) requesting Churches to support their seasonal appeal.

As Christmas approached they specifically ask for toiletries including disposable razors, soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste and warm clothing including socks.

We are proposing to support this appeal. We will be accepting gifts to be taken to Canterbury Open Centre. There will be a box in Church until 21st December.

Please give generously, gifts do not need to be wrapped.

Laurence Dunderdale

Churchwarden

NAILBOURNE SCOUTS CHRISTMAS MAIL

It has become somewhat of a tradition for the Scouts to deliver Christmas mail in Bridge and this year will be no exception. We regret however the price of stamps had to be increased to 15p each to help raise much needed funds for equipment etc.

The Christmas Collection boxes and special stamps will be at the following venues from the first week of December: The Plough and Harrow, The White Horse Inn, The Red Lion, Bridgeway Stores, Laurie Wakeham, Butcher and Nicholas James, Hairdresser.

Correctly addressed and stamped mail (for Bridge addresses only) will be collected on Thursdays 11th and 18th for delivery. Unfortunately the Scout Troop is unable to collect and deliver Christmas mail after the 18th December.

The Nailbourne Scout Group hopes for your continued support this year
Rajini Dasan

TRIP TO AFRICA 2004

In July/August I intend to travel to a village called Berega in Tanzania, with a group of Christian teenagers. We shall help at a hospital and aid village life through Mission. My aim is to raise £1,500 to go there and any donations to KATE FILMER
The Vicarage, 23 High Street, Bridge,
shall be greatly appreciated.

Rev. Paul Filmer

Paul is making steady progress. He has seen Specialists and Doctors and has now commenced a rehabilitation programme. He hopes to be back early in the New Year.

L.H. Dunderdale
Churchwarden

Flower Arrangers - St. Peter's, Bridge

A meeting is to be held on Wednesday December 3rd at 2pm at The Archways, Conyngham Lane to discuss Christmas decorations in St. Peter's Bridge and organise next years rota.

As always we are desperate for new recruits. If you think you may be interested, do pop along for a cuppa and chat. Viv Brasier

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A voluntary donation on the day will go towards

the cost of Kate's trip to Africa

Judy and Paul Filmer

ST PETER'S CHURCH, BEKESBOURNE

The CHRISTMAS BAZAAR will be held on Saturday, 29 November in Bekesbourne Village Hall, when the Brownies will entertain and refresh us, and our regular stalls will have all kinds of exciting goods to get you ready for Christmas - so do come along for an entertaining and rewarding morning.

Our annual evening of CAROLS at THE UNICORN, kindly hosted by Clive and Cheryl, will be on Thursday, 18 December at 8 pm. Be sure to book a table in good time if you intend to have a meal and do join us for what is always a very happy evening. Our good friends Stuart and Dave will be there as usual to accompany our singing.

STOP PRESS! Our JUMBLE SALE will be on Saturday 31 January - more later!

ST PETER'S CHURCH BEKESBOURNE

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ON

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13th Dec Cleaning Only 8am Holy Communion Advent Romany Cowans
20th Dec Cleaning Only 10am Holy Communion Advent Jill Gillanders
23rd Dec Decorating for Christmas - all hands welcomed
25th Dec **CHRISTMAS DAY** Christine Ash to clear decorations
3rd Jan 04 10am Family Service Jill Gillanders

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Fund Raising

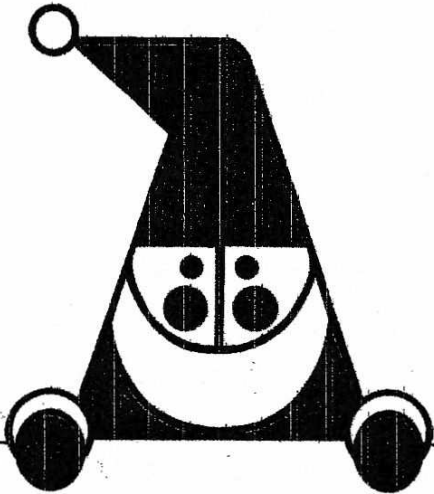
Christingle Service, Christmas Eve, 4pm, St. Peter's Bridge.

Christingle Services are held at this time of year across the country, raising funds to enable this Charity to continue its work for over 40,000 needy children. They help young runaways, homeless, those in poor communities and now are tackling the very serious problem of bullying in and out of schools.

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Kathy Eynon

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COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER RESPONDER SCHEME (CVRS)

Following a recent talk about the CVRS given to the Caring and Sharing group by my son in law David Latham, (the other one!), a Paramedic Team Leader in the Kent NHS Ambulance Trust, it was felt that there should be such a scheme operating in Bridge. What exactly is a CVRS? Briefly it is a scheme where volunteers are trained by the Kent Ambulance Service to be the first responders in cases of cardiac arrest and other medical emergencies.

Sudden death from cardiac arrest is the single leading cause of deaths in the UK. The reason why fewer than 1 in 20 victims survive is due to effective help not arriving in time. Survival rates decline by 10% with each precious minute passing. Research has shown that early defibrillation is the most important factor effecting the survival of patients in cardiac arrest.

In 2000 The Kent Ambulance Service pioneered a scheme to train volunteers in life saving resuscitation including the use of an automatic defibrillator. This scheme now operates on a daily basis in both the Bluewater Park and on the Isle of Sheppey. Community Responders are taught how to administer emergency first aid to a number of potentially life threatening conditions. It is well documented that the severity of conditions such as choking, uncontrolled bleeding, breathing difficulties and cardiac arrest can be alleviated with correct intervention thus buying time for the patients whilst the ambulance is on its way. Community Responders act as support and enhance the level of response and care to their local community, they are in no way a replacement for an ambulance.

The equipment provided includes a lightweight portable semi-automatic machine known as a Heartstream Forerunner. In addition to the defibrillator a Response Bag with essential first aid equipment is provided together with oxygen and protective gloves are provided. While Community Responders are volunteers and not employed by the Kent Ambulance Service, they are offered the same support as members of staff. They are contacted by the Ambulance Service 999 Emergency control via a pager and mobile phone that are provided by the Service. A Community Responder is dispatched at the same time as the ambulance in order to provide basic life support to the patient before the ambulance arrives.

The minimum age of a Community Responder is 21 years. Although not essential, ideally they should be First Aid qualified with experience in voluntary or first aid/health related sectors. They should also have the following: a car, good interpersonal skills, good verbal and written communication skills, be a problem solver, have good organizational and time management skills, be self motivated, be able to demonstrate initiative and be decisive.

In a village the size of ours there must be some residents with the above listed attributes! Already there are two volunteers for a CVRS here in Bridge. Ideally we would need a team of 10.

If anyone would like further information on the scheme please ring me on 01227 832058 mobile 07860 591887, e mail ppryer@hotmail.com

Peggy Pryer
Conyngham Lane
Bridge

Bridge History Society

Our film presentation evening on 11 November was a sell-out. Film historian and retired BBC producer Barry Littlechild showed us a number of clips from historic movies, with local interest, which proved to be extremely nostalgic for most of those present. Nobody, though, could have remembered the film made in 1897 - an amusing encounter between a miller and a sweep who used the flour and soot of their trade as their weapons! This was fun, but more amazing was a coloured film made of Canterbury pre-1914. More than 400 workers had taken over 3 years to paint by hand each frame of this film. Moving forward, we were shown a fascinating review of the year 1952, a remarkable year featuring flooding in Devon, a rail crash at Wealdstone with 100 killed, the breaking of the sound barrier - and the death of the test pilot, the first flight of the Comet, the death of King George VI and the accession of Elizabeth II - to name but a few. Another film shot in 1954 showed the arrival of the hop-pickers to Paddock Wood, and we were reminded that in the 1950s most local trains were still steam-hauled. Finally came the feature film, *Adventure in the Hopfields*, the only surviving complete print of a movie made by John Guillermin (who went on to make such films as *Towering Inferno* and *Death on the Nile*), which was rescued by Barry Littlechild from a rubbish skip in Chicago and lovingly restored. Everyone was charmed by this story, made for childrens' Saturday film matinees, which kept us riveted. A most successful evening that gave great pleasure and raised more than £400 for the Hospice in the Weald.

Our next event is our Christmas Get Together, a cold Christmas buffet supper at the Red Lion in Bridge with a Round Robin Prize Quiz. The date is Tuesday 16 December at 7 pm, and the cost £8 for members and £10 for non-members, including the first glass of wine. For more information telephone David Gilmour on 832450.

Meriel Connor



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CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL

TUESDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2003 7.00PM

To start the season the choir will be at Canterbury Cathedral on the 16th December to begin Christmas festivities with Family Carols. This traditional evening has become very popular as a family event, with many of the carols being chosen with the younger members of the audience in mind. Singing of Carols dates back to the 15th Century. The popularity of carols maybe their simplicity of thought and expression, but many of them have withstood the passage of many centuries. All your favourite Carols will be included as well as some sung delightfully by this wonderful choir.

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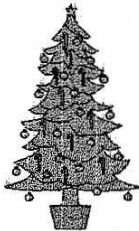
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NAME THAT CHRISTMAS CAROL OR HYMN

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2. Embellish interior passageways.
3. Vertically challenged adolescent percussionist.
4. First person singular experiencing an hallucinatory phenomenon of a natal celebration devoid of colour.
5. Soundless nocturnal period.
6. Majestic triplet referred to in the first person plural.
7. The Yuletide occurrence proceeding all others.
8. Omnipotent supreme being elicit respite to ecstatic distinguished males.
9. Caribou with vermilion olfactory appendage.
10. Jovial Yuletide desired for the second person singular or plural by the first person plural.
11. Commence auditory reception the announcing cherubs vocalise.
12. Kris Kringle will be arriving in the city in the not too distant future.
13. Its arrival occurred at twelve o'clock during a clement nocturnal period.
14. Exclamatory remark concerning a diminutive municipality in Judea south west of Jerusalem.



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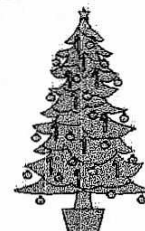
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chosen to supply the floral 'thank you' displays presented to Jools Holland, his Orchestra and Sam Brown at the Pfizer Social Club 50th anniversary celebrations. Our success is entirely due to team effort and specialist florists who are artists in their own right - three have won top awards at a London trade exhibition for the past two years." This success depends upon personal service, quality of flowers and the creativity of their staff. "We have recently been presenting many more demonstrations and master classes, as feedback tells us that customers like to see for themselves how the displays are put together, and have a go at making their own, with varying results! Because our florists are so expert they make it look easy, when - of course - it isn't. There are a lot of techniques that you can learn, but there is an art to flower arranging, after all and it's fundamental that you have to have an aptitude for putting shapes, colours and textures together in a pleasing and interesting way. We were invited down to present a demonstration at the Eden Project in Cornwall recently, which was a huge success, which we are looking forward to building on at our next big presentation on 2nd December in Canterbury at The County Hotel, which will be followed by a charity auction of the pieces we make in aid of The Princess Royal Trust for Carers."

"I believe that our future business expansion will continue to be based on added value. Very few florists are able to send their own creations for next day nationwide delivery; we wanted to be able to offer this service. Our clients are instrumental in choosing the flowers and helping to create the 'WOW factor', so we ensure their bouquets get delivered to their loved ones. We experimented with specialist stem gels to keep the flowers fresh and found a carrier who would take good care of our products. We are now happy to promote this service - every bouquet we send is an advertisement for our innovative service. Through word of mouth our business continues to grow, and is positively blooming! It's all very exciting."

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Notes from the meeting of Bridge Parish Council held in the village hall on Thursday 13th November 2003

Christmas Trees, High Street

Thank you to everyone that has made a donation towards the Christmas trees in the High Street this year. The trees are due to be erected on Saturday 6th December.

Budget 2004/5

The Parish Council has agreed to ask Canterbury City Council for a concurrent functions funding grant of £8264 for 2004/5 and has agreed to set the precept at £10258 for 2004/5. Anyone interested in having a copy of the budget should contact the Parish Clerk.

Notice of Proposed work to trees in a conservation area for which a tree preservation order has been served

April Cottage, 1 Meadow Close Bridge- re-pollard sycamore trees, hawthorn and ash trees on boundary of property and Bourne Lodge to previous cutting points. Comments required by 27.11.03

23a Union Road Bridge- remove large limb of walnut tree over neighbours building and to lift the low growth all round as required. Remove major dead wood from tree. Tidy growth of group of conifers. Remove upright limb of apple tree and prune as required. Reduce willow by 50% and reshape. Comments required by 19.11.03.

Bridge Parish Council will meet next at 7pm on 11th December 2003. Members of the public are invited to address the Council between 7.00 and 7.15pm.

Planning applications received: the following planning applications have been received and are under consideration:

CA/03/01427/BRI-Coppice Bridge Hill- two storey side/front extension to dwelling

CA/03/01496/BRI- The Dell, Bridge Hill- single storey rear extension to dwelling

Planning applications granted: the following planning applications have been notified as being granted:

CA/03/01247/BRI - 26, Conyngham lane- Roll up garage

CA/03/01301/BRI- 34, Conyngham lane- two storey front and single storey rear/side extension

CA/03/01297/BRI- 26a High Street- two storey rear extension to provide retail and storage space

Post Decision Revised Plans- the following revised planning application has been received: CA/03/01073- 16 Union Road- first floor extension, replacement of flat roof with pitched and replacement conservatory to rear of dwelling

Bridge Parish Council's Planning Committee will meet next at 6.45pm on 11th December in Bridge Village Hall. All parishioners are invited to attend.

The Parish Clerk, Tina Burchell can be contacted at 3, Cranmer Close Bokesbourne Canterbury CT4 5DF 01227 831085

Priest-in-Charge: Revd Paul Filmer , The Vicarage, 23 High Street, Bridge (830250)
Lay Reader: Mrs. Margaret Clarke. (Tel 765598)

PATRIXBOURNE WITH BRIDGE

Churchwardens Dr. AM Nicholson, Riverside Cottage, Patricxbourne (830947)
Mrs P Pritchard, 2 St Mary's Rd, Patricxbourne (830685)
Mr L H Dunderdale, 37 High St, Bridge (830668)
Mr D Latham, 16 Riverside Close, Bridge.

PCC Secretary Mrs A Williamson, Beechmount, Conyngham Lane, Bridge (830399)

PCC Treasurer Mr L Andrews, 120 New Dover Road, Canterbury

Gift Aid Officer Mrs J Latham, 16 Riverside Close, Bridge.

Choirmaster & Organist

Organist (Patricxbourne) Mrs RM Stacey, Joslet, Keepers Hill, Patricxbourne (830205)

BEKESBOURNE

Churchwardens Mrs J Gillanders, Cala, Aerodrome Rd, Bekesbourne
Mr J Cowans, Distant View, Adisham Rd, Bekesbourne (831029)

PCC Secretary Mrs J Millyard, 10 De Havillands, Bekesbourne (830256)

PCC Treasurer Mrs Zan Clifford, Oakleigh Lodge, Bekesbourne (830328)

Organist Mrs RM Stacey, Joslet, Keepers Hill, Patricxbourne (830205)

Captain of the Ringers Mrs Gill Moon, The Haven, Aerodrome Rd, Bekesbourne (832134)

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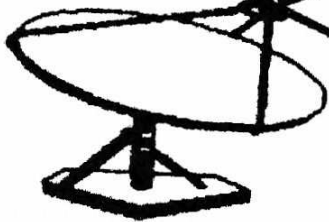
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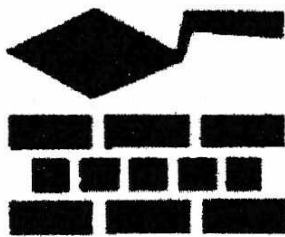
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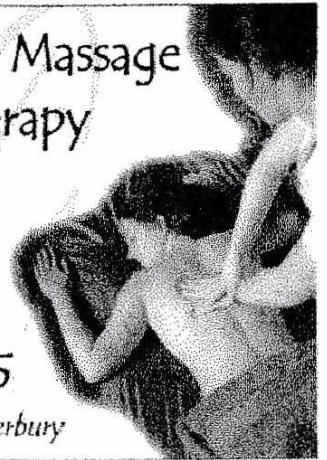
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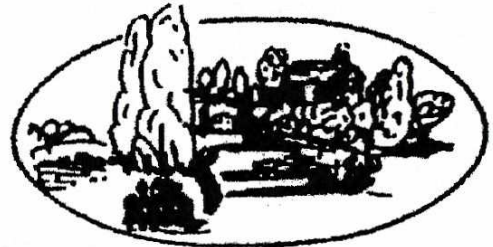
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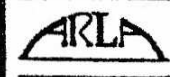
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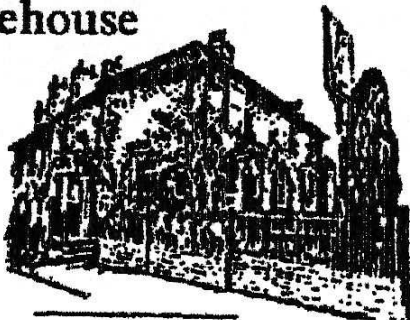
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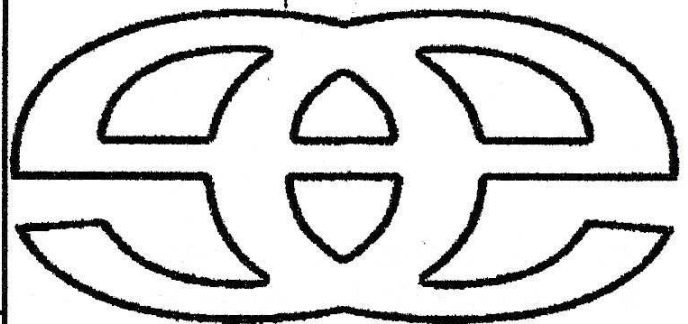
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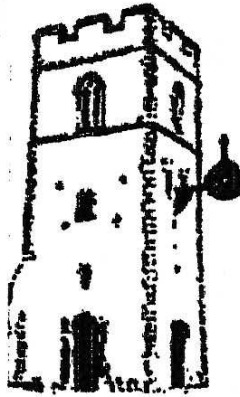
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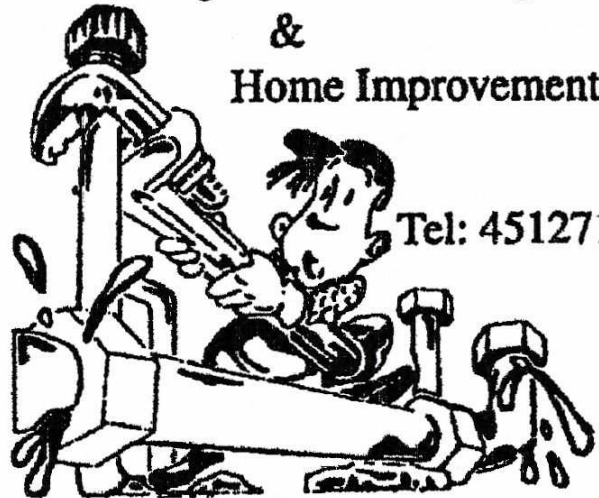
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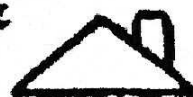
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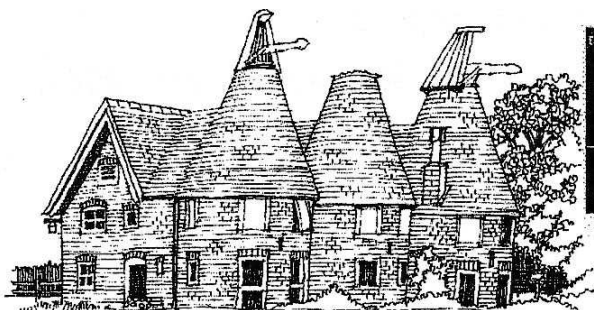
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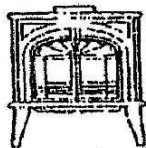
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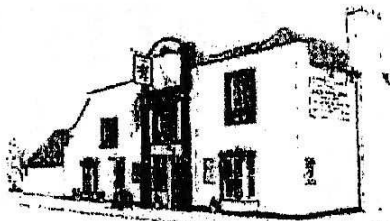
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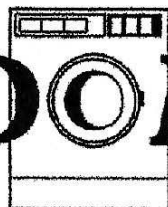
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